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46 We're sorry to report that **Jeanne "Pic" Picard Johnson** died October 6, 2021, in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and we send condolences to her children, Laura and Lars, and to her many grands and greats. Pic graduated from Middlebury with a degree in political science, following which she led a very active life. She and husband Art traveled to over 42 countries and every continent except Antarctica. Thanks to the class notes, Pic and I (**Joan**) had been carrying on a correspondence. We're both hard of hearing so phone was difficult but now I know her much better than I did at Midd. She had a wicked good sense of humor! • **Lois Brigham Selnau**, our class agent, tells that her younger son has been receiving treatment for pancreatic cancer. He is married with two children. A granddaughter, Krista, who she described as her "pride and joy," lost a leg when she was eight years old. She went to the Shriners Hospital for Children and the Hole in the Wall Camp, where she cried when she arrived and cried when she had to leave! And then she returned as a counselor. She has now become a successful lawyer. Lois is the great-grandmother of a two-year-old. • After trying unsuccessfully to reach **Betsy "Barc" Barclay Wales** in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, it turns out that she has moved to Burlington, Vt., where she is near two of her daughters. Address: 272 Church Street; Tel: 802-497-2481. Despite leaving friends she had made in Maine, Barc sounds upbeat as usual. We're hoping to get together.

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47 **REUNION CLASS** My apologies to **Peg Armstrong Igleheart**. She sent her message for inclusion in the last quarter report, but my computer was messing things up, so it didn't make it in time for that report. Thus she gets top rating this quarter. In July, she returned to Vermont for a family reunion. There were 17 direct descendants out of the 19 present. These included two great-grandchildren under the age of one. She says, "Aside from the children, there was no worry about wearing a mask. We lined up and were inoculated in February, but restrictions are still in place, like the rules at Middlebury so long ago." Her salvation has been her music. She has been working on a violin-piano sonata with a violinist

from West Hartford, Conn. She finds it a real challenge, but that is what she needs, due to limited activities caused by the pandemic. She hopes those of us who are left will have escaped this terrible scourge. • **Phil Briggs** is happy to say there is not much news from them. They spent the summer in Vermont with family and friends and went back to Arizona in October as usual. "No news is good news," he reports. He is not sure how many more times they will be able to make these trips back and forth, but so far, so good. He is hoping they will be able to make the 75th Reunion. • **Betsy Hornaday Fry** wrote that not much is going on where she lives thanks to COVID-19. They do have one new thing however: her son has put a cooking show on YouTube. Tune in to the *Ted Fry Show*. • I quote **Ernestine Rolls Pepin**: "Greetings from the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. Leaves are turning, snow tires are being put on, and gardens are being put to sleep for the winter. No news for you, however. (The 60+ ladies left in our class was a typo. We are a hardy bunch, but there are only 30 of us.)" • **Ginny Lee Costello's** daughter Debbie '75 recently moved from San Francisco to Burlington, Vt., and Ginny visited her over Labor Day weekend. The high point was their trip to Middlebury. Debbie contacted Alyssa Sinclair, our '47 College contact. Alyssa generously agreed to meet them for coffee and then gave them a private tour of the College. The highlight of their visit was a meeting with Middlebury President Laurie Patton outside her Old Chapel office. After gifting her with a Middlebury blue stadium blanket, President Patton had many questions about what college life was like during World War II. Not surprisingly, there were a few nudges toward our upcoming Class of 1947 Reunion. Alyssa's private road tour took them all over campus where they saw many buildings that were new to Ginny. It was a beautiful day, and she was very happy to see what Midd College looks like now. She said today's students are very, very fortunate to go to college in such a beautiful and inspiring place. • **Tiffany Clark Nourse** wrote that she had no news but that she likes to say she still enjoys the status quo. Recently she was with **Alice Neef Perine**, who now is in assisted living at East View, a very nice retirement community in Middlebury for seniors of all health levels. They play cribbage together and reminisce. They are both doing well, just putting up with the problems that affect all of us this age. Name dropping—they occasionally play bridge with Emory Fanning, organist and former music professor, and Travis Jacobs, former Am lit professor, both such fine gentlemen who love bridge. Tiffany feels lucky to still be able to drive, read, knit, and take care of herself, with her daughter nearby to fill some needs. To one and

all she recommends Barbara Kingsolver's *Unbelated*. The author tackles political and social issues of today and a century ago.

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49 Correspondent **Dixon Hemphill** sent this report in October: "Dear Midd '49 classmates, I would love to hear from you regarding what you and your family are doing these days. I am sure you have something of interest to tell us. For now, I will tell you about two events you might like to hear about—one happened yesterday and the other will occur during the first part of November. Yesterday's event was a ceremony at the WWII National Memorial in Washington, D.C. Veterans of WWII, Vietnam, and Iraq were interviewed and filmed by a crew from CBS, who will present a document along with the Army band following the Army-Navy football game on December 13. The event will air on both CBS nationally and local stations in the Washington area. Two years ago, I submitted my application to join TGGF—The Greatest Generations Foundation. It was founded about 10 years ago by an Australian who thought it a good idea if veterans of WWII and Vietnam could return to the places they fought. Since then, hundreds of men and some women have joined TGGF and have visited places where they fought many years ago. I was accepted to the organization and will be visiting Normandy, France, with nine other Navy WWII veterans. Although I served aboard a cruiser in the Atlantic and on a landing craft in the Pacific, I never did participate in the June 6, 1944, D-day landing in Normandy. I look forward with great anticipation to this trip and will tell you class members what it was like in my next class notes." • Kevin Gracey sent the sad news that his mother, **Dorcas Neal Gracey**, died at the age of 93. He says, "Mom was very proud of her Middlebury roots. There's been a Middlebury banner hanging in the ancestral beach house for about 70 years now. It'll stay there, too."

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51 Greetings, classmates. I hope when you are reading this life may be back to "normal, whatever that may be!" • I heard from **Bill Deming**, who wrote that this past year has been a time of the expected and unexpected. "The expected was the passing of **Phyllis (Cole)**. For some time she realized that her memory was failing but she dealt with it as best she could. She kept her date book of things she had to do and checked them off when they were done. That lasted for over 10 years. Add to that a damaged kneecap and various passing outs that resulted in a pacemaker. She was able to be home with the help of caregivers for the last two years but at the end we moved her to where she got some hospice care. We had a nice service for her and then all the cousins, etc., went to our town beach and had pizza and watched the sunset over the lake and the New York mountains. Now the unexpected. I was willed a painting by an unknown painter of a scene of the Duluth Canal. I had done a little research on it but didn't discover much. I contacted a local dealer who did more research and found that the artist was Gilbert Munger, who had painted two other paintings of the same scene. Both of these paintings are on display in Duluth, Minn. The third painting, which ended up with me, is gone now and back in St. Paul." • **Joan Macklaier Birkett** wrote, "Memories of Middlebury College and friends gave me confidence on my first step of moving on after graduation, to all kinds of new careers in social work, group work, etc. At age 55, in Montreal, I met a wonderful woman, who later became a friend. I met her by chance at a social gathering. She asked me if I would like to work on a project that involved flying to the Arctic at Cambridge Bay and managing a research project of what children around age six would like to see on television of the Muppets. I flew to Cambridge Bay and did interviews with several groups of young children there and later in Hudson Bay. I traveled with a local woman and her baby in a papoose from Baffin Island. A report was written on my return and sent back to the Arctic. Now about my life in the present time: Old age needs courage and I am still able to drive and manage my one-floor condo. My daughter-in-law, Lyn, and my daughter, Jennifer, and husband Clay are heading today from San Francisco to cross the border to stay with me in quarantine for two weeks and later take me to the eye clinic in Calgary for a macular eye treatment. My sight is still good, and I have kind friends, family, and a good life. I send gratitude to all of them." • I received this from **Roly Coates**: "Looking for a new place to play golf, Liz and I headed for a golf club we had never seen before. It was very hilly and had steep climbs and some doglegs. I had been experiencing balance problems and I found

it wasn't conducive to good golf. Now on the first hole I had a fairly decent drive, but when I took out my five iron for my approach shot, I couldn't hit the ball—literally couldn't hit the ball. On the first swing I missed it completely. On the second I topped it and it rolled into the woods. We played several holes, and I was ready to quit I was doing so poorly. Liz wanted to continue so I reluctantly agreed. The course was really crowded and slow so we joined up with two women golfers. They were good golfers and normally it would have been the thing to do. I was still playing poorly, and I was so embarrassed with how I was playing that after a few holes I told Liz I had to quit. She readily agreed. I wonder if any of my classmates have had similar troubles." • I (**Lee**) had a nice chat with **Anne Moreau Thomas**. She is still in Flemington, N.J., living across the street from where she grew up, and is doing well. • We all look forward to hearing from more of you. It was too bad we couldn't be together for our 70th Reunion, but we can keep in touch by mail or phone, hopefully not spreading any germs! Best wishes to all. Stay well, **Lee**.

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52 REUNION CLASS **Jean Vaughan Varney** recently reported getting a message from **Judy Webster Barton** that **Phil Barton** had passed away. I am saddened by this and too many other reports of losses to our class which, for the most part, have been referred back to the College for obituary notices. But each one diminishes us and each stirs memories, so it was that as autumn approached, bringing with it nostalgia and a sense of passing, I took the opportunity to connect with **Sally Baldwin Utiger** in person when she came up from Massachusetts to Vermont. The occasion was a celebration of the 145th birthday of a small church in Peru, Vt., where she had been invited to speak. Sally's ties to Peru, a small, lovely town up beyond Bromley Mountain, go back almost two centuries. The Lyons House, the homestead where she grew up, remains in her family's hands to the present. Because one of her forebears had long ago been a deacon of the church, Sally had been asked to speak and I drove over from my home not far away to attend the event. The church is small, predictably white, and simple. You enter a space dominated by a grand painting of the enclosing mountains and are made immediately mindful that the strength of the hills abides always. There were about 40 people gathered, among them Sally and her daughter, son, and other family. Several local musicians were up on a stage and the music was enthusiastic and jolly. Then came the speeches—all short, all pithy, often funny. The mood was not just celebratory, it was uplifting. The sense of joy and community was deeply reassuring and I took it in like a tonic against the depressive nature of our current political, social, and environmental dilemmas. It gave me

hope that somehow, things will be brought right by just this kind of deeply human commitment to our history, our society, and our communities, and I came away reassured at some deep level. BTW: It was also great to see Sally, just as enthusiastic and energetic as always, the white hair notwithstanding.

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53 I'm happy to report that **Bob Parker**, our most recent class correspondent, hasn't dropped off the map but is now ensconced in Exton, Pa., in a retirement home near his son Steve. Bob exists quite well without the benefit of Facebook, or a working computer for that matter. He does a good bit of reading and is about to read *War and Peace* for the (gasp) sixth time. • **Sandra Sheffield Overton**, my former high school classmate, has been living in Broomfield, Colo., for eons and doing all sorts of volunteer work over the years, including teaching English to immigrants. She also has been active in her church and singing in the choir. Sandy lost her husband, Ray, in 2008, and her two daughters are out of the area. But she has a son in Broomfield and good neighbors to rely on. • **Edward Hickcox** decamped to Canada in 1967 and never came back, pursuing a career in education and retiring in 1995 as a professor in education at the University of Toronto. Along the way Ed traveled a lot and was active in his church. Now he spends quieter days gardening in Victoria. • I caught up with **Richard Brown** at his home in Springfield, N.J., recently. Dick has lived there since retiring in 1995 from consulting for major mining companies. A geography major at Midd, he put in many years in the mining industry, spending time in 13 countries, including 18 years in Canada. These days he spends time playing golf at the renowned Baltusrol Golf Club, a stone's throw (or maybe a #3 wood) from his home. • **Phyllis Laidlaw Herring** had a career as a landscape architect and currently lives in Beaufort, S.C. Nowadays, her daily decision is which of her two pianos to play. As a long-time student of the piano, she claims it's never too late to learn to play it. (Note to classmates: it is too late.) —Class Correspondent: **Roger May** (rogermay931@gmail.com), 3 Chadwell Pl., Morristown, NJ 07960.

54 Correspondent **Julie Howard Parker** reports: My stalwart co-correspondent, **Tom Ryan**, was struck with knee and back problems, reporting he'd gone through X-rays and MRIs and everything to finally find a diagnosis of stenosis of the spine. It affects the nerves and comes with age alas, but can be treated with medication, therapy, and as a last resort, surgery. Tom, we all wish you a successful recovery. • **Peter** and I are back in California after the first summer in two years in Vermont. Everything looked wild and overgrown there, espe-

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cially my beloved garden. But with help we got the perennials into better shape than ever. I love blue, so many delphiniums grace the plantings, along with early perennial bachelor buttons, campanulas, perennial lobelias, and lots of balloon flowers, still blooming when we left mid-October. A favorite, perennial larkspur, was a victim of our COVID-19 absence. I plan to order four or five this spring. It's a color that is hard to find, cerulean blue. Larkspur has it so beautifully that I can fixate on it for minutes. I am not fond of the colors mauve, purple, or lavender, the basis for most contemporary gardens today that depend upon nicely spaced, subtle, and lovely leaf texture. Mine is an old-fashioned shaggy mix of rose, coral, gold, yellow, orange, white, and royal or navy blue. We would love news of your gardens. Gardening is tough on us elderly—constantly bending over. We all need help and a limited-sized plot. • **Lois Wanstall Kaufmann** joined us for lunch in early October at the Middlebury Inn. That inn has never been famous for its cuisine, but we had a purpose. We wanted to know if it still owns Porter House. It does. The elegant historic mansion has been refurbished since 26 or so of us sophomores in 1952 were housed there the year too many freshmen accepted admission. In a panic, Middlebury made an agreement with the Inn to take over the entire building for a school year for us women. This time we three were not encouraged to go in (it is reserved for special large groups), but we peeked in the window and saw the same lovely circular stairway gracing the front hall. We have photos of us in 1952 ball gowns, descending to meet our dates before school dances, where we were crammed into the Field House (long replaced with state-of-the-art athletic facilities). • Another one of our great classmates has left us. **Monroe Hall**, whom we all called Mike, died in early September. He left his unique mark on many of us, squeaking through classes to graduate just barely, more interested in racing around in his little MG sports car on campus than academics. Once it got stuck in the snow and I witnessed four classmen pick it up and turn it around. He was a true Bohemian, a buddy of fellow rebel John Value '55, who could have had a profession as a folk song artist had he not died very young after marrying **Barbara-Ann Fitzgerald**. Barbara was a close friend of **Kathleen Donahue Hall**, Mike's wife, so the four of them stood out as forerunners of the Beatnik era and counterculture, which Google calls "a way of life at variance with the current social norm." With Mike's passing, we have lost all four of these fascinating, memorable individuals. The last Christmas card Mike sent me enclosed a photo of him in his latest red sports car, top down. His last years were in Belfast, Maine, where he told me he was mayor several years until voted out for being too liberal.

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55 On October 12, 2021, I wrote to classmates, "I've yet to hear from ANYONE!" Then I heard from **Bruce Byers** who wrote, "Thanks, will respond, bkb." He didn't, but wife **Sue Heyer Byers** came through: "Sorry it's so hard to eke out news from our classmates. I think most just feel their news isn't newsworthy. But at least Bruce and I can tell you about Alumni College. We were happy to be able to enjoy Alumni College in person at Bread Loaf. As usual, the Class of '55 was well-represented: **Sally Dickerman Brew**, **Judd Zecher Colton**, **Junie Stringer DeCoster**, Peter and **Scotty MacGregor Gillette**, **John Von Hartz** (with his two kids—Maria from San Francisco and Will from Chicago), and **Jamieson Kennedy** (a first-timer). The night before, we hosted a dinner for the gang to prime us for the heavy academic challenge ahead. Recently, we had a good catch-up dinner with Pat and **Al Gould** when they were in Vermont for a couple of days. We're looking forward to playing paddle tennis as soon as the weather turns a little colder and I look forward to cross-country skiing (when it turns much colder), as well as to being spectators at College sports and at performances at our beloved Town Hall Theater (transformed from the old movie theater in our day). Still some involvement with a couple of community agencies, and Bruce helping run a group presenting bi-weekly speakers. So right now we feel we're starting to wriggle out of the grip of the pandemic." • **Alan Gould** adds more about their trip to Vermont: "During our October visit to Midd, we brought bags of grade level books for the students at Cornwall Bingham Elementary School. We also presented the Klarsfeld volume about the French children of the Holocaust to the Middlebury Hillel program. In addition, we received from Susan Coburn Humphrey '74 letters and photos of son Dan's correspondence with Dave Brubeck. This memorabilia will now be included in the Brubeck archives at the Wilton Library in Wilton, Conn." • **Bob Gallagher** reports, "Ruth and I have replaced our world travel lifestyle over the past 18 months with less skiing, more golf, gardening, walking, gym work at home, and some New England travel. We do some Zoom with distant friends. We are trying to avoid all people who may or may not have COVID." • **Everett MacAskill** writes, "Just so you have a response, I am still here. I happily play golf twice a week and very happily sold my boat last February. What is said about the two happiest days in a boat owner's life are very true for me. In an hour I'll head for Ontario (Calif.) Airport to pick up my eldest son, who's flying in from Connecticut. He lives in New Fairfield, so I have a connection back there." • **Alli Lank** had a mini-family reunion in Stratton, Vt., at the peak of the fall colors. He also took a drive to Middlebury for the first time in years and said it felt good to be back on campus. • I couldn't reach either **Pete** or Carolyn Whitmore '54 **Baldwin**, but I can report that they decided to permanently protect their 105-acre farm in Gilmanton, N.H.,

through a conservation easement donated to Five Rivers Conservation Trust. The property will forever remain undeveloped, while also allowing for continued farming and timber harvesting. It will remain as is, a perpetual open space asset for future generations. Way to go, Pete and Carolyn! • I'm saddened to report that **Tom Lamson** died on September 24, 2021. Tom grew up in Northfield, Vt., graduating from Gould Academy before coming to Middlebury. He was a member of the varsity ski teams at both Gould and Middlebury, participating in the Eastern Championship and the 1952 NCAA National Championships, as well as Olympic Trials. Skiing was a lifelong passion. Tom's greatest joy came from his love of family and friends. Leisure time was spent skiing, landscaping, playing golf, listening to jazz and country music, cheering on the Red Sox, and as a life member of the North Andover Country Club. After retiring, travel became a new pursuit with numerous trips within the United States and abroad. We send our condolences to wife Lyndie (Smith) '58 and all Tom's family. • I (**John**) am still living in the house Liddy and I built here in South Kent, Conn., 15 years ago. We're blessed with a close family and all so-far-so-good with COVID. Liddy and I both had asymptomatic cases last winter followed later with both Pfizer shots. I still hike with my 15-year-old (!) Lab, still sail our Cape Dory 25, and have begun to attend more events and get-togethers in NYC. I wish all of you the very best as time seems to go by faster and faster and age creeps up on us. And one more time: PLEASE RESPOND TO MY APPEALS FOR CLASS NOTES! (Also note my new email address.)

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56 When the 65th Reunion Committee first met with our Midd staff liaisons, Alyssa Sinclair and Matt Daylor, to whom we are greatly indebted, the first question asked was "What is the likelihood of there being an in-person Reunion in June?" Alyssa and Matt didn't know but promised they would tell us as soon as they found out, and, last January we learned that the Reunion weekend for all classes would be virtual. The decision was a disappointment for those classmates who were already planning to go to Vermont for the weekend and were up to it physically. But for many others having a virtual Reunion actually worked better. If one's health was in question or the distance from one's home to Middlebury too great or the expense getting there too much, the virtual Reunion was a godsend. Even though there were 39 fewer classmates in 2021 than in 2016, more classmates (55) attended than in 2016. Of the dozen virtual events, the most popular one was the sing-along led by **Ned Macdowell** with 39 participants from our class. It was really special. The Midd Social Hours in April and June also attracted many classmates (34 and 28, respectively) as did the class Memorial Service (33). • Attendees had

various “takes” on our reunion. Here is what some people said. “Great effort by Reunion planners to simulate our 65th Reunion! Innovative to have the group sing-along on the Internet! Ned Macdowell never sounded better! Our numbers may be dwindling but the spirit is still there! HANG IN THERE EVERYONE!” came from **Pete Orvis**, the first Feb grad along with **Ron Potier**! **Vernon Gray** shares these observations. “The chat rooms were not well mixed resulting in partial duplication. Ned’s sing-along was great and much appreciated.” **Debbie Shepard Rinner** writes, “I thank everybody involved in making our 65th (how did we get to that number so fast?) so meaningful in difficult circumstances. Since many of us find it difficult to travel long (and even short) distances, I appreciated ‘seeing’ so many classmates virtually. I wish our joint conversations could have been longer and I’d gotten to meet everybody, but I’m grateful for the connections I had. Ned’s sing-along was especially fun—as out of tune as we may have been! I was also impressed with the memorial time and reading of names. We were/are an exceptional class, even by Middlebury standards. I hope to ‘see’ many of you at the 70th (always an optimist) and keep getting strength from the hills.” • **Lucy Boyd Littlefield** had a wonderful reunion with **Floppy Hildreth White** last summer when they met for lunch in Wells, Maine. She said that two hours flew by as they shared what they had been doing for the past 65 years. They were sophomore year roommates in Weybridge House. Floppy and husband Ian live now on the coast of Maine, in their own home, retiring there after many years living in California. She is as lovely as ever and still has her wonderful Maine accent. She and Ian are busy with various interests and now are also in the process of training a new puppy. • Sadly, four classmates have passed away since the Reunion. **John Hoops** writes about his very close friend, **Tobey Shiverick**. “Tobey passed away August 27. He had been living in a retirement home near Mobile, Ala. We were privileged to be able to spend time with Tobey and wife Irene (Moseley) ’54 when we stayed at Sea Oaks in Vero Beach, Fla., every year along with **Bob Vuillet**. We’ll always remember our fun-filled times when they hosted our mini-Middlebury reunion.” • **Ned Macdowell**, **Ted Schwerdtle** and **Dick Powell** recall “Doc” Ellis, who died in September. Ted writes, “Doc and I were close friends when we were Chi Psi brothers at Midd but lost complete touch after graduation. I remember him as a wonderful person with a great laugh. I am so sorry to learn that he is no longer with us.” Ned shares these memories: “At Middlebury Doc and I were good friends and Chi Psi brothers. We played a lot of Frisbee in those days. We didn’t use Frisbee pie plates (beveled edges don’t fly well) but 10–12-inch tops from potato chips or cookies with athletic tape covering the dangerously sharp edges when they were cracked. When we lived at the lodge our sophomore year, Doc and I discovered that the 5-inch tin top from a peanut butter

tub was perfect for an indoor speed game with great drops, curves, and up shoots. We had cut-throat battles of one on one in the basement playroom, often creating quite a racket. The games stopped when the brothers upstairs complained they couldn’t study with all that noise. I have had almost no contact with Doc since graduation but remember him as always engaged and cheerful with a ready smile. Just a really good guy.” Dick remembers, “Doc was a cheerful and earnest guy who was determined to do well in all he did.” • **Mark Benz** pays this tribute to **Dick Catlin**. “On August 26, 2021, Dick Catlin passed away, joining his wife Barbara who had passed away during the previous year. I had first met Dick at the Middlebury College freshman football camp in August of 1952. Dick was a candidate for quarterback. The team had enough quarterbacks, so Dick went on to other student challenges. I was a candidate for lineman, a much-needed capability, so I was able to start a four-year stint on the line. Dick and I both joined the Delta Upsilon fraternity and roomed together our senior year in one of the College dorms. The Middlebury years, with graduation in 1956, started a lifelong friendship. In 1963 Dick and Barb purchased a family summer camp in the Adirondacks of New York, renamed it Timberlock, turned it into a wonderful summer and early fall business, and passed it on to their son Bruce and daughter-in-law Holly, but kept involved. Wherever Dick and Barb were living they were involved in helping the towns they lived in, as well as helping students, many young and older people they came in contact with, existing organizations, and helping to start new organizations. Helping, helping, helping, much to be admired, to be a model for the rest of us!” • **Bill Willetts** reflects on the life of his very close friend, **Tom Woolsey**, upon the news of his untimely death last August. “I forgot how groggy my memory and muddled my thoughts have become. We probably met as freshman ATO pledges and then junior and senior years shared a room in the Comstock’s home, a few houses up from the ATO House. From the outset, though, we shared an enjoyment of the natural world, the local mountains, fields, and pastures, sometimes hunting, usually just hiking. He was particularly proud of his involvement in the construction of the cabin at Skylight Pond. I remember his story of spending his Christmas break, I think in ’53, and the infamous ordeal in the snow camping, essentially in the open, without shelter, with a couple other idealists atop Battell Mountain. And then, toiling away, shoveling the snow from the cabin’s beginning base and hauling and working the logs to add to growing the logs of the cabin. Of course, he ultimately earned his election to Skyline for this kind of devotion to the Mountain Club. He received a degree in geography although his love, apart from Lois Guernsey ’57 (they married during Carnival ’57), was geology. A few years after Middlebury, he took a position teaching earth sciences at a junior high school in the Groton, Conn., school system just a few

towns east of my home, enabling us, both with small children, to socialize occasionally. I was unable to keep track of him in his pursuit to obtain his master’s degree in geology, which he finally did, with some guidance from **Mal McCallum**, from Colorado State. He then, as he liked to describe it, accepted an offer he could not refuse, teaching at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Ill. The prairie geography was counter to all he loved but the other factors overbalanced that objection. He took up flatland trailer-sailing, working his way up to a Hobie 18, then he switched over to sailboarding. Upon his retirement, they moved to Florida where he was able to pursue this sport year-round. Ultimately they found an RV park in Big Pine Key that became their winter quarters and was an ideal spot for sailboarding as he could switch from bayside to the oceanside depending on wind conditions. I seem to remember his telling me that there was a time the wind had to be 20 knots or more to interest him. He liked speed. He was an excellent artist in watercolors and his personally drafted Christmas cards were always a delight. He was also, I thought with an artist’s eye, a very perceptive photographer. Much of his art works were from his photos. One of his of a Skylight Pond cabin scene has hung on my wall since I helped him with, what else, a speeding ticket way back when. The past few years we’ve been renting every March or April on a Florida Key, almost next door to Big Pine, for a short while and have been able to visit Tom and Lois a little each time. On August 25, Tom succumbed to injuries ultimately caused by falling from his roof several weeks previously. Naturally it has been a crushing loss for Lois and the Woolsey family; for me, the loss of one of my oldest, and once, closest, friends. I hope that I can, at least, keep hold of all the fond memories.” • Finally, we are very pleased to announce that the class 65th Reunion gift totaled \$1,164,454, \$1M of which came in the form of a documented bequest, plus \$164,454 from the rest of us. Our class received the Gold Key Award which goes to the post-50th Reunion class with the highest giving percentage. We had 60 percent participation from 94 donors. Our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed.

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57 REUNION CLASS **Martha Johnson Wooldridge** sent more news about classmate **Frankie Hall**: “After moving to Ginger Cove, a retirement community in Annapolis, Md., **Frankie** joined the croquet club and mastered the game. This is not the backyard game most of us experienced in our early years. This is six-wicket croquet and nine-wicket croquet using formidable rectangular mallets to hit balls through narrow, narrow wickets. The clearance is one-eighth of an inch in the six-wicket

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game. Strategy that increases one's own score while trying to knock away the opponent's ball is a key component. In 2015 and 2016, Frankie became croquet chair of the Ginger Cove Club. One of her tasks was to arrange Ginger Cove's annual games with the Naval Academy and St. John's College. In 2021, Frankie was tapped to organize the Maryland Senior Olympics in croquet, held at Ginger Cove and a neighboring club, the West River Wickets, on September 24 and 25. The finals took place at Ginger Cove on the afternoon of the 25th with Frankie playing in Flight Two. The weather smiled upon her with sparkling sunshine and blue skies as she gave final instructions to the players. In 2019, she won gold in the Second Flight and in 2021, she won silver in the Second Flight. Congratulations, Frankie!" • Reunion is fast upon us! Classmates are busy planning Reunion events off and on campus for June 10–12. A guiding committee includes **Adrienne Littlewood DeLaney**, **Frankie Hall**, **Pete Howell**, **Hugh Marlow**, **Pat Judah Palmer**, **Kathy Platt Potier**, and **Pete Read**. With the ideas of a crew of volunteers, all are planning events, actual and virtual, to make the weekend full of good memories. On this expanded committee are **Lee Hall Albern**, **Betsy Mathewson Bailey**, **Gail Parsell Beckett**, **Sheldon Dean**, **Wyman Rolph**, **Charlie Sykes**, and **Sally Holmes Wilson**. We urge you to come to campus on strong hiking legs or with a handy rolling walker but COME! We are settled all over this big country, and it's always great to be at Midd and in Vermont in the spring. Until then send us a note about what keeps you going and interested. You may find a classmate who shares these passions who is new to you. Have a good read to suggest? Into ecology, culture groups? Let us know, soon! • California warmth is luring two alums: **Barbara Ransom Payne** is already in San Rafael and **Alyce Kelly Ostrow** is improving and will move out there, too. • I'm sorry to report two classmate deaths: I learned that **Donald Young** died on May 9, 2020, and **John Faulhaber** died on October 10, 2021. —Class Correspondent: **Ida Mae Johnson** (*imj428@comcast.net*), 104 Bentley Ave., Poultney, VT 05764-1182.

58 **Gay Nelson Smith** shares with us her love for activities she's now enjoying so much that she never thought she'd be doing 60 years ago while at Middlebury: "I never dreamed of spending my life on a lovely horse farm in the Sandhills of North Carolina. It's horse heaven in Southern Pines, next door to golf heaven in Pinehurst. The farm borders a long-needle pine forest where daughter and I drive the horses to carriages most mornings all year long. The rest of the time I work on the flower gardens around the house or in the greenhouse in the winter. Learning the flora and fauna of an area I never knew about back in 1958 is so much fun." Thanks, Gay, for bringing us up to date on your active life! • A great catch-up came from **Jim Witham**: "What surprises

are there in my life 63 years after graduation? I became a cook. I plan and cook all our meals. Jean claims she likes my cooking. On our 50th anniversary, I wrote Jean a love poem. I now write her a poem on each anniversary. We just celebrated our 65th in June. I also write about other things in our life. Finally, I never dreamed we would spend the last 20 years in Naples, Fla." Wonderful to hear about such a happy couple! • **Helen Dickey Curtis** tells us of some of her current activities in her hometown of Skillman, N.J. "Larry '57 and I continue to enjoy our life here in the retirement community—lots of good friendships developed over the past five years, wonderful cultural programs either right here in the building or just four miles down the road in Princeton. Being active in our church here has also been important to us. We've had two family weddings since I think I last wrote: (1) a granddaughter (a dentist, currently in the middle of a residency in pediatric dentistry in Minneapolis) was married in western Ohio in May, and (2) a niece (an artist, teaches art to children) in Nyack, N.Y., in August. Traveling is much diminished still, but it was good to be with family." Great to hear from you, Helen! • Please continue to let us know about your activities and maybe things you never dreamed of doing 65 years ago! • It's been such a pleasure for me, **Mary Daniels Jones**, to hear from all of you '58ers who have contributed to this column since I began recording your words in 2015. I will be retiring as class correspondent with this round of class notes. It has been a wonderful experience working with **Ellie Humme** and **Sue Daniell Phillips**, and I thank them so much for all they have done to produce and support our class section of the magazine. Any classmate interested in taking my place can do so by contacting Sue Phillips through the information below or Sara Marshall at *smarshal@middlebury.edu*. I look forward to receiving many more issues of *Midd Mag* and hope to see many of you at our next Reunion in 2023. —Class Correspondents: **Mary Daniels Jones** (*mimi.jones.1@hotmail.com*), 4011 Norseman Loop, Unit 1, Southport, NC 28461; **Susan Daniell Phillips** (*dhp1012@bellsouth.net*), 725 Ninth Ave., Apt. 1106, Seattle, WA 98104.

59 **Fred Swan** and wife Pat are planning a Road Scholar cruise in March from Barcelona, Spain, to Portugal, up the coast of France, and ending in Tilbury, UK. • Barbara and **Peter Talbott** celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. He still laments the fact that when he was in his junior year, several KDR brothers had already turned 21 during the second semester. "I had to wait until Christmas vacation of my senior year. I can't count the number of opportunities to visit the Pine Room at the Inn that were missed during my final years at Middlebury." • **Dick Krasker**, despite turning 85, claims to be in good shape and continues to assist his wife in getting around. "No cruises planned

but we are comfortable at home." • **John Rich** is disappointed with the low vaccination rate in Idaho, but on the optimistic side, he has bought a ski season pass for Brundage, the nearest mountain. He has enjoyed time with his son, Jack, and daughter, Sea Marie. • **David Harpp** has not moved from his "farm" in New Brunswick, Canada, for 18 months and has not had any contact with his DU brothers. He just hopes he'll be around for our 65th Reunion in 2024. • **Bick Bicknell** is like the cat who claims to have nine lives. His cardiologist installed stents #8 and #9 in his heart. He had a recent phone conversation with KDR brother, **Arnold Bieling**, recalling their 1958 summer road trip across the country in a 1949 Fraser to work the Washington canneries and wheat fields. "**Roger Miller** (DU) and Steve Leong '60 (KDR social member) survived the trip with us while Roger led us in singing every popular song of the time." • **Tony** and Jane Collins '60 **Garcia** moved to St. Augustine, Fla., from Queensbury, N.Y., into a three-bedroom condo on the first fairway of St. Augustine Shores Golf Club. This was their 16th move in 61 years. • **Paul Fitzgerald** spent part of the past year in the Aleutian Islands (Alaska) fishing in a snowstorm for steelheads. "No tangible results to show for my efforts. Better stick to fly-fishing in warm weather." • **Ren Curry** is still flying his Piper Cub and has added jogging a mile a day to his fitness regimen. Ren and his wife, Nancy, drove to Winchester, Kan., where his father was born. Half the gravestones in the cemetery had Curry on them. One hundred seventy-five friends and family gathered on the family farm for a celebration of life and not a mask in sight. The highlight of their trip was the "Gateway to the West" Arch in St. Louis. Ren found the museum and the movie about its design and construction very worthwhile. • **Ailene Kane Rogers** sent a note saying she likes the climate in Atlanta, Ga., and being with family. "It's so special to catch glimpses of my grandchildren now and then. One is now living back home as he decides what comes next for his future." • Sadly, **Sarah Gray Bock** passed away in August. A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she also sang in their octet. She came from Hanover, Pa., and was a biology major. An obituary appears at the end of the notes. • Correspondent **Millicent Fairhurst** sent this message in November: Hi, ladies! Unfortunately, I was unable to provide notes from you all for this winter issue as my computer broke down. I had written my blurb but the addresses wouldn't print. I would send out the emails and get a notice back with a list of addresses that were marked as invalid, which of course they weren't. Time has run out and my computer setup is still on the rocks. I apologize and ask that you will please remember to send in lots of news for the next go around. Meanwhile life in the Big Apple is really opening up, although I don't participate much since I don't take my faithful rolator on the bus. People are going out to dinner, and my swimming pool is open as are the movies. **Nancy Frame Sweden**

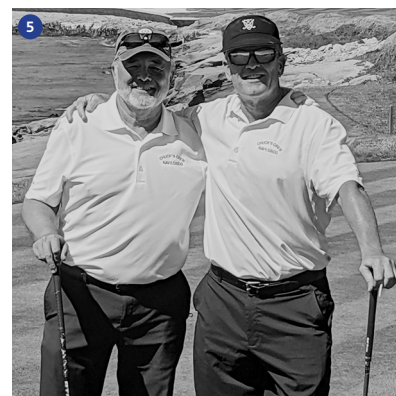
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invited me to join her weekly Tuesday Zoom meeting with several Midd ladies, including **Pinky Bliss**, **Sally Sprague Carr**, **Granthia Lavery Preston**, **Anne Martin Hartmann**, **Kate Bush Hardy**—it's really fun. I've also kept in touch with **Ginny Schlosser Vaules**, **Phyllis Leach Morris**, **Nancy McKnight Smith**, and **Jan Brouse Taylor**. The last bunch are birthday calls so they're spread out over the year. However, they all seem to be doing nicely. • So does anyone have exciting news to share? Any trips on the calendar to visit grandchildren or trips to Europe to take a two-week cruise? And what about special anniversaries? Please respond—your classmates would love to hear from you. —Class Correspondents: **Millicent Fairhurst** (milfair@earthlink.net) 341 East 19th St., 1C, New York, NY 10003; **Andy Montgomery** (joyandym@aol.com), 8910 Hilloway Rd., Eden Prairie, MN 55347.

60 **Jean Seeler-Gifford**, our class correspondent par excellence for the past 30+ years, comments, “I very much appreciate the wonderfully encouraging cards and emails sent to me by classmates.” After finishing one course of chemo in early August, Jean dealt with a few weeks of tiredness and lack of energy, but that was rectified by the beginning of Midd field hockey pre-season practice that gave a jumpstart to her recovery. She attended many on-field sessions and was behind the bench for their first game. Jean also resumed her bike rides of 50 miles a week. However, she has decided that the time has come for her to step down as class correspondent. Fellow correspondent **Vcevy Strekalovsky** says, “Has it really been over 30 years? Unbelievable, but we must have been having some fun not to notice. It seems like just yesterday Jean and I took a canoe ride on Otter Creek where allegedly she was threatened with having to swim back if she didn't agree to take on this leadership role—I don't regret any of it! She leaves very big shoes (figuratively!) to fill. She has set the standard for class correspondence and leadership for all of us.” *Ed. Note:* Indeed, Jean has been an inspiration to decades of correspondents, often offering her words of wisdom at ALC correspondent workshops. We here at the magazine can't thank her enough for all she has done for us over the years! The Class of 1960 welcomes **Bob Hall** as its new correspondent. • In other 1960 news, mea culpa to **Jean Stratton** who submitted this entry in time for our July deadline but it got lost in outer space by your class correspondent NM. Jean continues to write her column for the weekly newspaper in Princeton (N.J.), which focuses on businesses, but she also writes feature articles on a variety of other subjects. “This past year has been unlike any other we have experienced, and it has caused a lot of changes regarding visits with family and friends. I was fortunate in that I've continued to write the column and was able to see people in person—of course, with masks and social distancing—but grateful for the human contact.” Seeing some light



1 Chris Wheeler '12.5 married Elisa Folden on July 17, 2021, in Vail, Colo. A large group of family and friends celebrated with the couple (in front): Gilbert Kipkorir '16, Raphael Mettle '18, Liam Gluck '12, Marina Sideli '13.5, Liana Sideli '08.5, Peter Hurwitz '81, Lindsay Wheeler '14, Marissa Hurwitz '13, Peter Boucher '76, Caroline Christen Boucher '78, Sara Dowd Wells '85, Landers Carnal '12, Bob Sargent '78, (second row) Gary Wheeler Hayes '75, Sara Hayes Sikes '05, Carly Fink '14, Bob Sideli '77, Doug Wheeler '80, John Burchard '81, Greg Wheeler '78, Chris Dola '12, Dylan Hurwitz '15, Eamon Wall '12.5, Jason Brooke '13, Evan Deutsch '12.5, and Spencer Ellis '12. 2 Sara Cohen '12 and Kari Sides Suva '75 had a surprise meeting in South Bristol, Maine, through mutual family friends. They enjoyed discovering their shared Middlebury connection while on a walk along the Maine coast. 3 The Men of '67 (M.o.S.S.) gathered for a mini-reunion at a fishing camp in southern Vermont: Dave Tura, Paul Ford, Andy Avery, Skip Leonard, Pete Thaxter, and Drew Otocka. Missing from photo: Jim Adams and Pete Kovner.



4 On November 4, Chad Bryant '93, associate professor of history at the University of North Carolina, discussed his new book, *Prague: Belonging in the Modern City*, with Jakub Beneš '04, lecturer/assistant professor of history at University College London, in a public seminar organized by Beneš in London: Jakub and Chad. 5 Bob '77 and Jim '81 Lindberg celebrated retirement with a golf trip that included Pebble Beach Golf Links, Calif.

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at the end of the tunnel, she hoped to get to the ocean for some visits last summer, something not possible in 2020. “Looking forward to better times. Just really missed our Reunion!” • **Jim Wright** checked in from northern Virginia saying he is enjoying retirement with letters to the editor being a creative outlet. He seizes the opportunity to challenge some of the alternate reality views that are propounded in the area. He is very proud of his daughter, Leslie '84, who has a foundation, STRIDE, that supports female athletes in Middlebury and Winooski, Vt. She has helped a generation of girls to hone basketball skills and build personal relationships and also provides needy middle school girls with skis, clothes, and lessons at the Snow Bowl. Jim shares a wonderful anecdote from 65 years ago: “Because I had been in the Army prior to entering college, I turned 21 years of age in that fall of our first year at Midd. On Saturday, October 18, 1956, I celebrated by buying beer for what had to be about half of the Class of '60. The brothers who owned the grocery store in town were very understanding about the dude distributing suds in their storefront.” • **Jane Bryant Quinn** shares that she and Carll are continuing the saga that they call Rome and Home—in Rome eight months of the year and Home in the summer and again in December for friends, family, and Christmas. “This past year, our fall departure was delayed—I was struck with a herniated disk and sciatica (just four weeks before our planned departure, grrr). So I'm now on the doctor treadmill for repairs and being nursed by the wonderful Carll. During the Italian COVID lockdowns last winter and spring, we couldn't travel and were doing in Rome what you were doing here—looking out of the windows and watching Netflix. We did discover some nice hill towns in Lazio that we never would have known about if not for the lockdown. At the moment, Italy is open to travel so we hope, when we get there in January, we'll be able to go to all the wonderful cities, museums, operas. I love being retired. I don't want to write a word! Except this, of course!” • **Mary Jane Bliss Swanson** sends greetings to classmates from Raymond, Maine. Her husband, John, died just before the pandemic began but she's very fortunate to have family nearby, including two grandkids who help bring cheer to her life. She's proud of granddaughter Fiona who is off to university to major in chemical engineering, with wishes to make a difference in this broken world. Grandson Colin attends a charter school in Portland, where he is a three-season athlete, studying engineering. Mary Jane has resumed swimming for exercise and sings alto in a virtual church choir of 25 voices, which has provided a real lift to her spirits. • From Cape Cod **Gretchen Augat Reilly** reports on a lifestyle we all can identify with: “Since COVID, my life has become far less interesting—humdrum at best. Big outing today—going for fried clams in Dennis with a vaccinated friend! Trips to Boston for theater and ballet on indefinite hold.” • Over the years, **Bob Hall** kept up with class-

mate **Russ Heaton**, one of his best friends at Midd, and visited with Russ and his wife in Durango, Colo. (as noted in a previous column, Russ died in January 2021). Bob has retired from skiing, gave up coaching/officiating lacrosse last spring, and finished coaching high school and prep school soccer at the end of October. BUT he still plays ice hockey from October through April! This January, he and wife Marcia were planning to travel to Kenya for a private safari with their three children and spouses, and also visit Israel and Jordan. For history buffs, Bob recommends *Only Yesterday* (1931) by Frederick Lewis Allen, a renowned account of life in the 1920s. • We are saddened to report the death of **Thomas Cornick** on August 13, 2021. A history major, Tom was an active member and leader of our class for all four years. He was on Blue Key and the Men's Athletic Council, played football and was co-captain senior year, played lacrosse and was cocaptain junior and senior years, and served as vice-president of Phi Kappa Tau. With Valerie, his wife of 25 years, Tom enjoyed traveling, golf, and buying and selling antiques. • **Bruce and Genie Cannon Burnham** have avoided the virus in Atlanta, but Bruce adds that the greatest risk was not from COVID but from boredom. The spinning classes he had done daily for exercise for 20 years ended, also closing out the convivial activities at the nearby bar with rock and roll music and a younger crowd that always accompanied the exercise. Genie had to cancel several trips, but then Bruce filled in those days by requiring eye surgery that unfortunately has left him blind in one eye—luckily he's still able to drive locally daytime and read two hours a day. (He recommends Jill Lepore's *These Truths*, Bill Bryson's *The Body* and Paul Theroux's *Deep South*.) He has managed to fit in 11 surgeries since our 2015 Reunion, including major aortic and vascular heart surgeries (and thanks classmate **Susan Gore** for Gore-Tex that was used in one of the repairs!). Back to spinning again, Bruce adds that the pandemic has provided “a great time for reflection—all our great memories and experiences at Middlebury paramount. Genie and I remain hopeful, cautiously optimistic, and wish to see our classmates at least once more. We are thankful for every day.” • Great words to close the column. So how about some “news from youse” out there (especially those who haven't been included in this column for a while). It would be good to hear from you and it's so easy—just a quick email to any of us here!

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61 On the afternoon of August 26 I was minding my own business doing desk work. I rolled toward my printer less than a foot

away but started slipping out of the chair. I could not save myself and landed on my left knee like a bowling ball. I heard the cracking. Did I have my phone nearby? Was I wearing my safety pendant? You know the answer was “No!” But a few minutes later I realized Echo, my Alexa device, could help. I got Echo to call our front desk and have the concierge call 911. Those always cute EMTs arrived but had trouble squeezing around the door that was partially blocked by me. After they arrived, they wasted no time cutting my jeans off and getting me on the gurney to go to the ambulance and Weiss Memorial Hospital. (I have great Weiss stories but I'll save them for another time.) This was a Wednesday afternoon, but they did not operate until Friday midday. When all was said and done, I had shattered my left femur to smithereens. The surgeon glued it back together like a skilled Japan artisan would. Besides using two plates with screws, he used cadaver bone. What a job! And now: no weight on left leg for three months, more PT for three months. At that point a decision will be made about being able to walk again. I'm fortunate to be living in a continuing care retirement community with all the necessary levels of independent living and rehab! Stay tuned! • The College has been informed of the death of **Marion Yeaman Land** on October 21, 2021. Marion died after a brief illness. The Class of 1961 sends its condolences to the family. We also learned that **R. Lindwood Faxon** died on November 10. The class sends condolences to his family as well.

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62 **REUNION CLASS** From Bethesda, Md., **Lou Thorpe Crissman** writes, “I don't have much new to report. With the pandemic, I don't have any travel plans, but am very thankful for all the trips I've enjoyed in the past. Meanwhile, I keep busy walking, doing Zoom exercise classes, Zoom book groups, Zoom church events, neighborhood gatherings (in person while the nice weather lasts), and summertime swims in a pool. One of these days, I hope to visit some of the Smithsonian museums again in person.” • **Jan Young Dennis** is still spending summers in Niantic, Conn., and winter in the Bahamas. Her island, Abaco, was hit hard by Hurricane Dorian. She volunteers at the World Central Kitchen, which did a phenomenal job creating 5,000 meals a day for the survivors. Then came the pandemic. The first winter there were few tourists. In the second winter, at first no vaccine was available, and then people were reluctant to take it. • **Mattie Logan Bicknell** has been a homebody like most of us during the pandemic. She leads a small memoir writing group and a Bible study group. She walks daily and can still get in and out of a kayak! She announced that she is now a great-grandmother! • **Bill Dalsimer** and his partner, Janet, divide their time between New Jersey and New York and then go to San Miguel for six months. In Mexico

they are very active in the Unitarian Church there and have made many friends. This year they have rented a place in the country and invited me (**Liza**) to visit. I just found a Road Scholar trip in San Miguel and will visit Bill afterwards. Yeh! He also goes on sailing ventures with his grandson and relatives. • From California **Susan Earl Klebl** writes, “I have been an avid Zoom user this past year: attending lectures, learning about environmental issues, taking art classes, and participating in OLLI courses, two book clubs, a photography group (where we shared our work regularly online with one another), one art exhibition online, and a *New Yorker* discussion group. Although I have had the advantage of living a block from the ocean and can take daily walks on the beach, COVID has still been very isolating and Zoom saved my sanity. In addition I have played mah-jongg once a week with a very small bubble of people. My travels have been twice to Yosemite and once to Portland in the past two years, so I am really ready to get out again. I’m still playing it safe and with the help of very careful contractors, I have completely redesigned and rebuilt my deck, patio, and native plant garden. Now it is finally raining after six months of zero rain so my plants might actually survive.”

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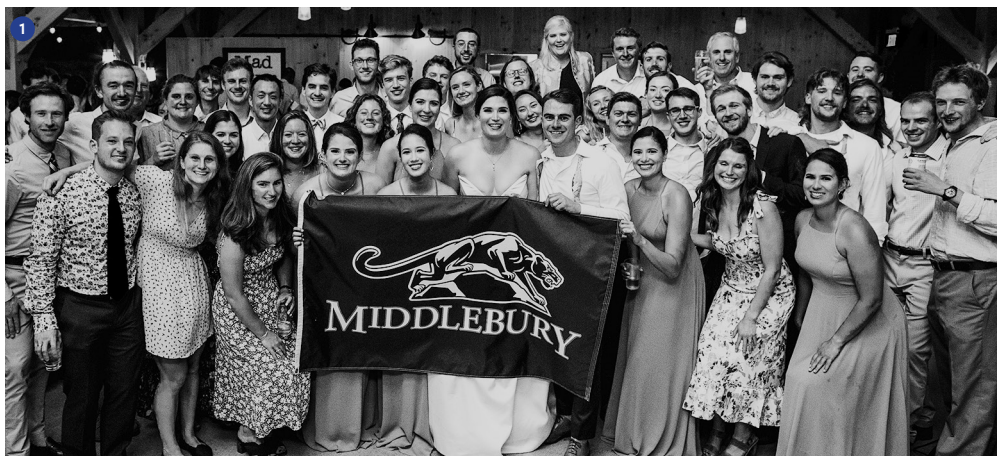
63 Correspondent **Larry Ring** reports: We are very sorry to report the passing of **Noel Kane** in early September. A few years after we graduated, Noel returned to school, graduating from Georgetown Law School. He had a wonderful life and distinguished career serving and giving to others. If you recall, Noel and **Betty Ann Cooper** were our class’s first sweethearts, discovering each other at our freshman orientation mixer and the rest, as they say, is history. All of our love and warmest thoughts go to Betty Ann and their family during this difficult time. Not mentioned in Noel’s obituary is that there will be a Celebration of Life for Noel this spring, April 30, 2022, at All Souls Unitarian Church in Washington, D.C. • **Chip Silloway** reports that he is going bats not traveling, so much so that he has started chewing on his furniture. To free himself of that nasty habit, he and Leslie, fully vaccinated, were headed to NYC and London in the fall. • **Roy Crocker** and wife Carol split time between Dataw Island, S.C., and Old Saybrook, Conn. If you catch a theme here, you’re right. It’s all about water, sailing, and working on his boats. That’s the fun side of water, but the bad side is that he was hit with too much water from recent hurricanes, which damaged each house. Roy’s positive and also a hard worker, though, and none of it seems to bother him. He definitely takes the good with the bad and doesn’t look back. • **Bruce Bailey** is the retired Mr. Chips from the Lakeside School in Seattle.

He performed almost every role at one of the best prep schools in the country, including coaching the men’s basketball team, which had many winning titles. Bails was elected to the Washington Interscholastic Basketball High School Coaches Hall of Fame for his coaching prowess. He remains in great shape, working out and riding his bike daily. He and Heidi often go on international bike trips, which is a fun way to experience the world. • **Joel Skodnick** reports a move to Davidson, N.C., home of Davidson College, a smaller version of Middlebury. He and Mary are still laying low because of COVID but have been busy accumulating airline and hotel miles through shopping for their breakout from COVID once the world fully opens again. Joel sends his best to all. • We received word that an old friend from our class, **Katherine Holt Barnes**, passed away peacefully in October. Katherine and her big smile were with us for a couple years before transferring to Syracuse Univ. She will be remembered for her passion, empathy, and concern for others, especially those with special needs. Katherine’s obituary can be found in the *Clayton Tribune*, which outlines her very full life of excelling in order to help and give to others. • Our class lost a big smile and an even bigger personality with the recent passing of Woodsie, **Jim Woods**. After Middlebury, Jim worked for Kodak eventually buying and growing a very successful corrugated box company that employed several hundred people. Many of us also remember his wife, Barb, from past Reunions. They lived in Pittsford, N.Y., with homes at a nearby lake and also in Florida. Jim’s obit can be found in the Rochester, N.Y., newspaper, *Democrat and Chronicle*.

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64 The constantly busy and tremendously successful **Roger Simon** has provided an update of what’s been happening in his life that we’re sure you will find fascinating. Here’s what he said: “Last year I moved from my Poughkeepsie home back to Manhattan, where I happily live in the same apartment building as my daughter Abigail and son Daniel. I still regularly play senior softball upstate and teach and direct at my Simon Studio in NYC, now in its 44th season. My recent film *Love in Kilnerry* won me the 2020 Best Supporting Actor award from the International Independent Film Awards and it’s finally screening nationwide in March 2022; and look soon for *Linoleum*, where I play opposite comedian Jim Gaffigan and Tony Shaloub. Also look for *Can’t Let It Go* produced by James Ivory, and Dan Simon’s (yes, THAT Dan Simon, my son) *Another Year Together*. I can be reached at rhsstudio@gmail.com. Hope to get back

for our 60th Reunion!” And don’t we all. • **Kit Telfair Wright** sent an update, detailing a difficult year. She has lived in Austin, Texas, since 2011, writes of the unusually cold winter last year, and says that though she didn’t lose power, many still suffer aftereffects. Then in May a downpour flooded her apartment, also a novel event. Daughter Beth came from Madison, Wis., to help out until things dried out, then yet another flooding rain led to still more time in a hotel! Finally the apartment was dried out, the floor replaced, and daughter Cindy and granddaughter Naomi helped get things back in place so she could move back in July 10. She says, “Meanwhile, black tubes snake everywhere to carry rainwater, and everything that can get wet is in plastic tubs!” She continues, “All this on top of being a breast cancer survivor. Diagnosis was about a year ago, a small lump was removed, and now it is a matter of watching and waiting. Neighbors and family have made this past year bearable. Although I was a regular at the local YMCA, I have not been there since early 2020, when it closed due to COVID-19. I have been vaccinated and it has reopened but at this writing I have not returned. I spend each morning walking for exercise. And recently I flew to Madison to visit Beth and go to Chicago. My grandson, Ben, who lives in Vermont when not in college near Boston, joined us.” Quite a year, but she also writes, “I still lose my glasses, as some of you may remember from our most recent Reunion. But I have always managed to find them again. Life goes on.” • **Louise Gulick Van Winkle** says, “Davis ’63 and I had a busy, almost normal, COVID-free summer at Wohelo, with lots of happy girls. We feel very lucky. I don’t know if you’ve had the news that **Debby Gillette Law** died on June 15, 2021? Davis and I have enjoyed Middlebury mini-reunions with Debby and husband Bob and **Jim Doane** and **Sam Gordon** for many years, skiing in Alta, Utah.” The sad news of Debby’s death was actually sent by Sam in June, and her husband forwarded the obituary, which is in the previous issue. • It seems **Sam Gordon** gets around! **Bill Kieffer** wrote, “We had a great dinner in Boston with Sam Gordon and his wife, Marylou. Great to get caught up!” Bill continues, “I had an accident on the beach in mid-July and broke my humerus in my left shoulder. After complicated surgery and then rehab, I received PT at home for several months. UGH! Hope to get to our home in Palm Springs soon—have not been there since the beginning of COVID.” • And **Norm Kalat** writes from Santa Fe: “It has been a tough year, but just before the pandemic hit, we adopted a rescue from the local animal shelter, and he has kept us moving. The rescue plan called him a ‘bassador,’ which I guess meant half Lab and half basset hound. He has the body of a Lab and the legs of a basset hound. Yes, he is funny looking, but a good watchdog and companion. Three of our grandkids are in college (Ohio Univ., Univ. of Maryland, UCLA), one is in high school, and three are in elementary school in Show Low, Ariz. I do not



1 Carlyn Vachow '16 and Conor Simons '16 celebrated their wedding on August 7, 2021, at Mad River Barn in Waitsfield, Vt., with many Middlebury friends and family: (all '16 unless noted) Noah Wagner-Carlberg '19, Kreager Taber '19, Christina Bicks '15, Kathleen Maehr, Nicole Schachman, the newlyweds, Jackie Stern, Emilie Munson, Taylor Gardner '18, (second row) Jason McCallum '14, Tyler Farrell '18, Hannah Marks '15, Megan Ernst Parker '15, Kelsey Martel '15, Elizabeth Tarr '19, Sarah Freyre '17, Hanna Nowicki, Matt Richardson, Brandon Cushman, Alex Nichols '17, James Lynch, Tim Harper, School of the Environment, Jeremy Carter '17, Mark Perry, (third row) Michael Vachow, MA English '93, Max White, Nathaniel Durfee '18, Kevin Chu '14, Fritz Parker '15, Paul Malloy '18, John Natalone '19, Robert Cassidy '19, Irene Margiotta '19, Michael Pallozzi '18, William Schwartz, Melissa Simonds, MA English '93, Halle Gustafson, Mitchell Perry, Andrew Jung, Jackie Kearney, Reid Smith '90, Trevor Langlie-Miletich, and Matthieu St. Amour '17. 2 A group of 1981 classmates held a mini-reunion near Waitsfield, Vt., this past summer: Kathy Millmore, Judy Clark Rollins, (second row) Terry Schley Noto, Cammy King, Janice Gadaire Fleuriel, Liz Bisbee, (third row) Joan Foster Evans, Mary Kate Foley, and Margaret Commins Klemzak. 3 Kimberley Hunt '12, MHS '16 married Cameron Arroyo in Salem, Mass., on August 29, 2021: Kimberley and bridesmaid Robin Sheasley '12.



4 Friends from the Class of 1981 returned to Middlebury for a mini-reunion in June: Aline Storey Zimmer, Elaine King Nickerson, Hope Hayden Kelley, (standing) Carol Morrison Bingham, Carolyn Bausch, Barbara Burns Comstock, and Marcia Nordgren. 5 The Class of 1970 was well-represented at the Kelly Brush Ride in September with Team *Les Vieux Cyclistes*: Rob Apple, Jeff Sturges, Al Perry, and Randy Rowland.

know where the time went. **Susi (Camden)** and I have all the expected aches and pains of getting older and are pleased with the care we get in Santa Fe. Our usual forms of recreation, golf and tennis, were shut down during the pandemic. I did not like playing with a mask on. When I went out golfing again, two things happened. My score was incredibly high, and I got tendonitis in my left thumb. The mask mandate is beginning to loosen up and hopefully normal, or as close as we can get, is coming." • **Tom Koch**, who we remember was recovering from knee replacement surgery at Reunion, writes, "Well, in time, the right knee came out fine, but the left had a catch in it every time I flexed it or extended it. I went to Dartmouth-Hitchcock, where Dr. Moschetti (what a name for a surgeon!) gave me a really technical diagnosis of patella clunk syndrome! So on February 17 last year, I had my left knee replacement 'revised.' The surgery was successful, but the recovery was slow and extremely painful. I developed a huge hematoma, causing my knee to swell to twenty-and-a-half inches; there were nights when the oxycodone they gave me wouldn't even touch the pain. But over about four months, the knee healed, and on September 11, I went water skiing, so I guess the knee's okay! Our travels have been delayed, but at this point, Sally and I are keeping our fingers crossed, hoping to spend this coming May in Europe. We'll let you know how that goes after it goes, if it goes!"

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65 "Friendships are the solidest things we know," wrote Emerson many years ago. About 50 members of our Class of '65 were able to join us in October on Zoom for the memorial tribute to the 28 we've lost since our 50th. In addition to classmates, we were joined by spouses, children, and friends of the deceased. Many have commented on how moving the entire ceremony was, and how touched they are to celebrate our continuing friendships. The credit goes to **Andy Johnson Perham**, **Barb Howd Miller**, and **Peter Glenn**, and also to **Dave Cook**, who narrated and **Lin Wheeler Juliani**, who accompanied with organ music. Special kudos as well to the College's Lyn DeGraff, who provided the technical support. A video of the ceremony may be available by typing in this URL: <https://youtu.be/HMijwvBb9oY>. The memorial service was the last of six remote programs in lieu of our 55th Reunion, already postponed from 2020. • In Burlington, Vt., ground has been broken for a new 62,000-square-foot facility at the University of Vermont. Its purpose is to recruit leading scientists to help UVM make major new medical discoveries. Its name? The Firestone Medical Research Building in honor of the parents of our own **Steve Firestone**, who began his own

medical career at UVM before becoming a successful anesthesiologist in Long Beach, Calif. • Sadly, we report that we lost two more classmates recently. Both played prominent roles in Sig Ep and in athletics. After Midd, where he captained the basketball team, **Peter Karlson** earned his MA in accounting. Following a 10-year stint with Ernst & Ernst, he became CFO of John Hancock Property & Casualty Ins. Co. Dividing time between Massachusetts and Palm Beach, Pete may best be known for his impish humor and also as the owner of the Summer House Restaurant on Nantucket with his wife of 43 years, Danielle deBenedictis. A scholarship in his name has been established at the College. • Following graduation, **Patrick “Ace” Wells** commanded a unit on Korea’s DMZ before pursuing a career in the development and construction of planned unit residential communities (PUDs) in his native Minnesota. Concurrently he got involved in the theater, which led to his becoming a successful movie producer. He also pursued personal quest for meaning in life and spent recent years with his family in Arizona. In 2015 he wrote, “My Middlebury hockey experience totally changed my life.” You’ll recall that the 1964–65 team captured the ECAC Championship in Division III. • Zoom meetings are getting old yet remain necessary to our staying connected. At the start of each of their Zoom sessions, Nancy and **Stan Kemmerer** report that one of their Zoom connections has replaced “checking in” with “organ recitals”—no need for real music, just an update on the latest medical intrigue. • Please put Alumni College on your calendar for the end of August, virus permitting; it is a wonderful time and way for us to gather. As always, “**T**” and **Polly** welcome any news or just plain old chit-chat. Keep in touch! —Class Correspondents: R.W. “**T**” Tall Jr. (ahmic29@gmail.com), 204 Clark Rd., Cornwall, VT 05753; **Polly Moore Walters** (polly@frii.com), 100 Grandview Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521.

66 The College is working on widening the pipeline of candidates to receive Alumni Achievement Awards, and they have asked for our help. Candidates should be Midd alums—from any class—who have made significant contributions to society or to their field of endeavor. If you have a classmate or others in mind, please let us know. We’ll be glad to send you a link where you can submit nominations. • **Leslie Anderson Curchack** sent us an early peek at her 2022 calendar, “In Love with Earth,” which benefits the Petaluma, Calif., nonprofit Daily Acts. You can reach Leslie about her calendar at lesliecurchack@gmail.com. Daily Acts encourages civic engagement and focuses on local efforts that improve health, sustainability, and environmental education. Leslie has won praise for her photography and contributions to grassroots community groups focusing on sustainable lifestyles in the Sonoma County area. • We have learned that **Bill Ames** is the executive

producer of a 2020 documentary film about a remarkable family member—a suffragist, activist, and inventor often left out of the history books. According to Lauren LaRocca in the *Frederick News-Post*, Blanche Ames Ames was a writer and leader of the Women’s Suffrage Movement in Massachusetts, often organizing rallies and calling meetings at her home. She was also a political cartoonist, an illustrator, and an artist. The film is titled *Borderland: The Life & Times of Blanche Ames Ames*. According to the film’s publicist, “The film was released in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment, and it is a deep dive into the fascinating life of Ames and her quest for voter rights and women’s equality. It ties the struggles of her era to today’s political climate, where there is much work to be done.” Francine recommends using the film title as a search phrase to see the film trailer as well as photos of Bill and the other people involved in making a film about a truly amazing person! • Three years ago, **Lee Hall Delfausse** published *Snow Sanctuary* and started a book tour that has taken her from Vermont to California and Florida to Michigan—some via Zoom because of COVID. The book drew on her experiences with the U.S. World Cup Ski Team. Now comes the sequel, *No Sanctuary*. Lee thanks all her readers for their support and emails! • **Peter Kingsley** sent an update: “I’m now living in St. Martin/Sint Maarten in the Caribbean after a career as a professional pilot in the U.S. and Canada. My U.S. address, however, remains in Marblehead, Mass. (At least that’s where I pay my taxes.) My current life in St. Martin/Sint Maarten (one part French, one part Dutch) consists of playing tennis, sailing, recreational flying about the various islands, napping, and eating well with friends. As a bonus, I get to improve speaking French, something that would astound my professors in that language at Midd. On the other hand, driving is perilous and thrilling at the same time. Some visitors here spend a lot of time roasting while drinking at the various beautiful beaches, but that’s not my thing. Hard to believe, I know. I live in the Pelican Bay section of the Dutch side, so if any classmates come down, please look me up and I’ll show them a good time. True. Hi to all.” • In late October, **Glenn Govertsen** reported a post on **Bill Wells**’s Facebook page: “With great regret, but tremendous respect and love for a life well-lived, Bill’s family writes to let you know that Bill died this past weekend. Whether skiing, kayaking, biking, spending time with family during summer vacation, traveling with friends or through yoga classes or book groups, Bill embraced an active life that took him across the world.”

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67 REUNION CLASS Plans are under-way for our class 55th Reunion June 10–12. At this time, we’re optimistically expecting our time together to be in person, on campus—an added incentive to keep ourselves vaxxed and boosted! Our theme is “Growing Older Together: Continuing to Create Our Stories.” As at past Reunions, we’ll enjoy time together schmoozing, eating, singing, sharing creative endeavors you wish to bring with you, acknowledging losses in our lives and of our classmates, and discussing “Issues in Our Lives Today—Challenges and Opportunities: What are we doing that creates meaning and joy in our realities today?” We’ll also enjoy a brunch and a classmate music jam as well as outdoor lake and hike options at Dancing Pines on Lake Dunmore on Sunday. Make plans now to come join in our always meaningful and fun Reunion and rebound with each other. Reunions are the best bonus of being Midd Kids! Hope we will all be celebrating together the waning of COVID and being able to move on in our lives in June at Middlebury. • Two recent communications from classmates fit right into our themes for our Reunion, which reassures me (**Susie**) that we will be offering meaningful discussions and fun class activities and positive connections among us all. **Barnes Boffey** wrote, “The big news in my life is the completion of a children’s book I have been working on for a while. It is called *Climb On Simon* and features a boy with doubts about himself. When Simon is presented with an opportunity to go to sleepaway camp, he climbs out of a seemingly overwhelming situation by taking on a role with younger campers that creates more self-worth than he could have imagined. I am proud of the quality and the message, and I hope it has an appeal for both kids and adults. I’m finding that growing older creates new situations to look for what a friend of mine calls the GLOW (Gifts, Lessons, Opportunities, and Wisdom). I am teaching an OSHER course through Dartmouth entitled *Bettering Our Relationships with Our Adult Children*, and that has been really fun and nourishing. I’m trying to keep busy as well as save enough of that sweet spot of retirement that allows me to just do what I want when I want.” • On one of our class Zoom calls in January, **Rich Roller** shared, “When we retired, I felt a bit at sixes and sevens. I missed the routine of working, having a schedule, and the social interaction of the workplace. It wasn’t just needing to feel busy; I missed feeling relevant. Fortunately, I was approached by another school to do a couple of part-time gigs that helped—new colleagues, a schedule, a routine, a new group of kids—and then was asked by Roanoke College to do a couple of consulting jobs. But what really helped was being asked to join the board of trustees of a small, independent school in New Bedford, Mass., that serves high needs, many at-risk, inner-city boys in grades 5–8. We only have 50 students and nine faculty who are all AmeriCorps kids, and we use the old YWCA building. We are humble. However, our students are committed,

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their families so appreciative, and the school's culture challenging but incredibly supportive. When I joined the board, I again felt relevant. The experience our kids get is truly transformative and I feel like I make a contribution, make a difference. Now the challenge is to find the balance between things that make me feel worthwhile and still having time to do retirement things." We're all looking forward to hearing a lot more of our stories with searches for meaning in our lives and successful endings during our Reunion. Please come lend your voice and heart to our special class group. • In the fall we reported on a Men of '67 (M.o.S.S.) reunion. Check out a photo on page 65!

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68 Tobi Gray Watson reports that Dan Brown passed away August 10, 2021. He powered through many serious medical conditions over the years and was able to construct a very purposeful and good life in spite of the challenges. Starting in 2009, Dan edited and worked tirelessly to promote an online art journal, *AEQAI*, part of his life-long love of art and reading. While at Middlebury, Dan and Tobi had a close friendship, formed from celebrations for back-to-back birthdays (at the Dog Team), a shared major in political science, and parties and crazy times at Slug. While the relationship Dan had with Middlebury was up and down over the years, in the end he felt a very strong connection to both the school and the state, and he was extremely sorry that he couldn't attend the 50th Reunion due to his health issues. • If you were unable to attend Dan Curry's August 24 webinar, "The Evolution of Visual Effects Technology—Creating Imagery for Star Trek: The Next Generation, Deep Space Nine, Voyager, and Enterprise" with Professor Nikolina Dobrova, you can view (or review) this online conversation on [Vimeo.com/595399992](https://vimeo.com/595399992). • Robert Friedman reported in an earlier class notes that he was retiring from medicine. Retirement didn't last long, however; basically, he took a break from treating patients with substance use disorders, and while he is doing that again, he is at a different and better organization. Recovery Connection is based in Providence and has several Massachusetts locations. He is working one day a week in a new, nice and clean, well-run office, and with the patients that Recovery Connection treats with respect. The organization has a book out called *The Silent Pandemic*, which is pretty good. Bob still has his driving job one day a week with Automotion International, driving beautiful new high-end cars out to New England auto writers. Working two days a week gives him plenty of time for family and cycling. In August Bob completed his 22nd Pan Mass

Challenge bike ride, raising \$22,812 for Dana Farber this year, with an overall total of \$418,516. So, it's driving on Tuesdays and drugs on Thursdays with plenty of time for everything else! • Steve Limon finally retired in October 2020 after 26 years on the Boston Juvenile Court bench and 21 years before that as a public interest lawyer (public defender, prosecutor, and civil rights lawyer in the State Attorney General's Office). He still lives in the historic district in the town of Marblehead, Mass., and welcomes visits from classmates who are in the area. Steve writes, "It's certainly different after over 40 years of driving in and out of Boston. Now I walk four miles every morning (weather permitting) before breakfast; play golf every Friday (same caveat); started attending concerts once the venues opened and I had my COVID shots; spend some time sailing my boat *Tigger Too*; helped a former law student of mine run for the town board of selectmen; do some watercolor painting; attend board meetings; do some consulting work; work on my 256-year-old house (it never ends); spend time with friends; and wonder whether I will continue this way or find something more regular to do. Time will tell. I turn 75 in a few weeks. My brain still thinks I'm in my 40s, but my body speaks differently." • Gail Hyde reports, "We are sorry to tell you that Bruce Shafiroff passed away September 13, 2021. As a biology-chemistry major, he and I shared many classes and labs at Middlebury, and it was my feeling that Bruce was never really happy—about the College, the classes, life, or the career path that his father had laid out for him. So I was pleased to learn that Bruce found his own way in medicine after college, with many residencies and fellowships in plastic and microsurgery, and then in his own private practice in hand surgery in Syracuse, N.Y. He also found happiness in life—with his beloved Shirley, whom I had the pleasure of meeting at their wedding almost 50 years ago. To my knowledge, Bruce never attended Middlebury Reunions, and we never reconnected after graduation although, unknowingly, we lived just over an hour apart." • We want you to stay in touch with us—so if you change your address or email or have news you want to share with your classmates, please let us know.

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69 Correspondent Peter Reynolds reports: Jack Hoffman is still satisfied living in rural Turenne, south central France, where he and his wife have been for the past five years. Although he gets back to Vermont occasionally—to play golf, I think—he continues to work with Public Assets Institute in Montpelier (the one with one L). Now that everyone is working remotely, he feels even more closely connected to his colleagues than pre-pandemic. COVID has not been bad in his

area; he feels the support of the French government, noting their pressure to vaccinate, and anticipates at least one more visit to Vermont "before the civil war."

• Lee Lamprecht took advantage of the U.S. Skating Nationals to revisit his skating past, this time as a spectator. Lee has become a devoted Nashville sports fan, touting the Titans and the Predators. He thinks he turned old friend Sue Lidstone into a hockey fan after one Predators game. It's a far cry from hockey games in figure skates on the Slug rink. • Reflecting on little things like name preferences over the years, Ken(ny) Cox—Coach Red—appears to be well on the Ohio-West Virginia border. He was remembering the Old Mill restaurant near Fitchburg, Mass., a frequent road-trip stop for Midd Kids on sports trips down south. He recently met there for dinner with high school best friends, Kathy (now Kathleen) and Andy Card. While he's not traveling much, they do appreciate Amtrak. He was prepping to visit his 103-year-old mom in Florida who was having surgery. He addressed his email to me as Pete(r). • Greg Lewis passed on some photos from his and Doren's recent trip with National Geographic to Antarctica. As you might imagine, it was a "trip of a lifetime." • While I'm reluctant to recommend any social medium, I do recommend Anne Harris Onion's selection of photos from her daily walks reflecting on the natural world in rural New Hampshire. It's on one of the best known (most notorious?) sites. The scenes are almost like Vermont, but obviously not quite as pretty. A number of our classmates appear regularly on that venue, so if you're there, while you're there, check the photos out. • Dan and Elinor Livingston Redmond spent time at their new winter place near Tucson. Wendy Cole stopped by for a visit.

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70 Howard Sorett sent this news: "This is Howard Sorett who was supposed to graduate with the Class of 1970, but who took an adventure of about 43 years to walk with the Class of 2013. Patricia Wallace '71 and I married while in school and had one child: a wonderful individual, our son Josef Sorett, who is a professor at Columbia University and who has blessed me with two grandsons. Patricia unfortunately passed away in 2006. Two years later, I was fortunate enough to be married to my wife, Mabel: a sweet, wise, and compassionate person—my heartbeat. Here's a very current highlight: As a Jewish follower of Jesus for the past 38 years, I have recently been given the privilege to deliver my first sermon. The title is "Taste and See that the Lord is Good! Be Filled with the Holy Spirit!" • Kate Mead writes, "My husband, Marty Conoley, and I enjoyed a wonderful two weeks in Cornwall, Vt., last August and September. We were able to reconnect with Stuart Parnes and

Sue Ellen Thompson over dinner, and again on a lovely, albeit muddy, hike near Bread Loaf. We were also feted at a gourmet lunch prepared by **Gregg Humphrey**, after a tour by his spouse Susan (Coburn) '74 of their beautiful gardens. It was a very special and fulfilling time for us, basking in the greenery of Vermont, hiking the TAM, biking to Vergennes and Lake Dunmore, and connecting with classmates." • **Flip Lowengart** sent this brief update: "Just alive and well, though much aged, in the high Andes of Bolivia. I have lived in La Paz for over 10 years now; and it has been a comfortable, relatively stress-free retirement. I miss the four seasons of the beautiful state of Vermont, even though I haven't been back for over 50 years." • As usual, **Al Perry** has been busy doing good things and hanging out with classmates: "I enjoyed a wonderful pasta-loading lunch September 10 at the summer home of classmate **Rena Gearhart Diana** and husband Stewart on Lake Champlain before joining teammates **Rob Apple**, **Jeff Sturges**, and **Randy Rowland** of Team *Les Vieux Cyclistes* (see photo on page 68) the next day for 50 miles of the 16th Annual Kelly Brush Foundation fundraising ride from Middlebury. The event raised \$825,000 to help people with spinal cord injuries through adaptive sports. Earlier, I was challenged, with classmate **Bee Ottinger**'s assistance, to produce a video for the College archives called *As We Recall—ROTC and the Vietnam War 1966–1970*. Reflecting candidly on both our campus and active-duty experiences ranging from Reserves to Vietnam combat zone to an Army career are classmates **Paul Bohlen**, **Larry Colvin**, **Sandy Dagnault**, **Hersey Egginton**, **Stuart Parnes**, **Jeff Sturges**, and me. You can see it if you type this into your computer: https://archive.org/details/A9_C_1970_ROTC_08-23-21_pt1." • **Kathy Wardwell Roser** sent this update: "I'm still hunkering down, trying to avoid the dreaded COVID in COVID-denying north Idaho, where I've been for the last year. I've really enjoyed the outdoors here—mountains, woods, lakes, streams—very beautiful and much like Vermont (and with a really good ski mountain). I've also met a lot of wonderful people. However, this is truly the land of right-wing nuts, and it is, in many ways, an embarrassment (not to mention potentially dangerous!) to live in Idaho. Yikes! I'm keeping busy, still serving on the National Land Trust Accreditation Commission and designing a little house that I may build if I decide to stay here. Not sure what the future holds, but will definitely stay and ski for another winter, and I hope to check out some mountains in British Columbia, too, if the border stays open. Hoping (once again!) that we'll all be able to get together in June!" • **Lynn Wilson** sent this quick note: "I was at Chillingsworth restaurant in Brewster, Mass., recently and really enjoyed the meal, so I asked to see the chef to thank him. When he came out, we had a chat and it turns out that he is classmate **Robert Rabin**! Small world—he didn't know about the Reunion, but he may come if he gets more info."

• This news came from our 50th Reunion organizing committee: "We are delighted that our long overdue *in-person 50th Reunion* will at last happen on campus this June 5–7. We will be joining the Class of '71 for a joint 50th Reunion with special gatherings and programs. We are so excited that the College could make this happen for us, and we hope you will join us there!" • And a final note from your class correspondent, **Beth Prasse Seeley**: "We are very sad to report the passing of our classmate, and my co-correspondent, **Nancy Crawford**, on October 28. Nancy battled multiple difficult health issues, but her sudden and unexpected death came as the result of a severe fall. Nancy was the proud and beloved mother of Liz Sutcliffe Valentine '10, and devoted Nana to William Valentine, who was the light of her life. Classmates who knew her well share fond memories of her playful spirit and her ability to share joy and laughter. She will be sorely missed." —*Class Correspondents: Beth Prasse Seeley (beth@seeley.com).*

71 With COVID subsiding and our on-campus Reunion on the horizon, we're delighted that so many of our classmates have told us they plan to attend. Don't forget to mark your calendar for June 5–7 at Middlebury! • On August 21 **Jeff Rand** and Vicki Vest were married at beautiful Lake Willoughby in northern Vermont. Among the guests were **Taxi Smith**, **Dave Koret**, **Sandy Farrier**, **Bruce Foust**, **Jay** and **Emily Groom Goyette**, and **Jimmy Hartman**. Because, as class correspondents, we've got our ear to the ground, attuned to printable gossip, we know that certain of these guests have said that Jeff and Vicki's first dance was a high point of the day's festivities, with romantic touches choreographed into it as well as funny ones. In the words of one guest, the dance was a crowd-pleaser that left no doubt that "Jeff's got the moves." Jeff says, "Yep, at age 72, I am a happy newlywed. Great to have such close friends to celebrate with us. Looking forward to seeing everyone back on campus in June." • In October, we caught up with **Bob Cosgrove**, whose entry for our 50th Reunion yearbook highlighted themes of international travel and adventures in business—and he continues to explore the world in these ways. Bob mentioned he had recently checked off one of his bucket list items by "soaring"—that is, going a mile up in a sail plane to glide over Faribault, Minn. He and wife Kris have plans to go to Norway in May, COVID permitting. As for business adventures, Bob talked about civic engagement. Rather than joining a movement or volunteering for a cause, he recalled employing his management skills and learnings over the years to engage hands-on with struggling enterprises, beginning with a small rural company in the early '90s. By creating an environment for open communication, saving and reinventing the company became a shared project. Ground-level workers learned to take on responsibilities in technology,

accounting, and manufacturing. Eventually the business was sold as a successful, profitable enterprise. Bob also talked about relationships—keeping in touch with family and friends. On a trip east over the summer, Bob connected with several Middlebury friends, including **Jim** and **Carolyn Ungberg Olivier**, **Martha Murray** and **John Gambell**, **Marshall Forstein**, and **Francie Marbury** and **Brent Seabrook**. He hopes to be at the Reunion in June, presumably after he gets back from Norway. • **Jimmy Hartman**'s entry made us smile: "My wife, Evelyn, and I recently welcomed our second grandchild. Olivia (a.k.a. 'Big Smoochie Cheeks') is thrilled to join her two-year-old brother, Mattie. Both are the children of our daughter Alisa and husband Ben. (We also have two wonderful sons, Jake (34) and Ben (29).) Mattie is of course a prodigy, already counting to 10 in Spanish and exclaiming 'Cheers!' whenever anyone hoists a flagon. On a more narcissistic note (if that's possible): Although I spent my junior high and high school career in Riverdale (in the Bronx) and vowed never to return, I live here again and have come to see the neighborhood's many advantages. We've missed nearly all the weather disasters of the past few years, stolen cars are down (although stolen rims are way up), and, if it's to your taste, you can't find a better venue—now that the Yankees have folded again—to watch multitudes of old men limping down the street, anxiously awaiting their knee replacements, while the local women, in all shapes and sizes, power-walk with their feet and hands and facial expressions wordlessly shouting 'Get the ___ out of my way!' Today's youth, viewed from our perch on the third floor of our building, also hold great promise: Boys and girls frolic in the park behind us, mostly playing soccer, while those seeking alternate diversions pass joints at tables formerly devoted to chess. I often feel like admonishing them with tales of my own youthful stupidity, but Snoopy and Bingo, our two Shih Tzus, have to poop, and they want a little privacy. And don't we all?" • **Grove Nichols** reports from Sacramento: "Life continues to be good in California, although bittersweet this year, as we lost our dear friend and DU brother, **Rob Skelley**, who first introduced me to California in the summer of '70 when **Bob Israel** and I drove across the country to meet up at Rob's family house in Laguna Beach. Great memories. Today I'm living a boring, retired life punctuated by hockey and tennis (twice a week each), skiing and bad golf (Iggy and Izzy can attest to this). The highlight continues to be life with my wife, Sally, and our four lovable grandkids." • We all know **Julia Alvarez** as the author of prize-winning novels, including *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*, *In the Time of Butterflies*, and most recently *Afterlife*. But now we have a new reason to be proud of Julia: Mattel, the maker of the iconic Barbie Doll, has created a doll in Julia's likeness as part of its new line of "role model" Barbies. The idea is to spotlight inspiring women from all walks of life as a way to show young girls they can be



① At the Sugar Bowl Ski Resort outside of Truckee, Calif., Mackenzie Walsh '14 and Charlie Koch '13 were married on July 24, 2021, with enthusiastic Middlebury friends celebrating with the couple (in front): Bree Baccagliani '15, Annie Hopper '14.5, Amanda Chen '14, Natalie Valentin '15, Abby Jenkins '14, Caroline Santinelli '14, Joanie Thompson '14, Annie Pokorny '15, Ford Van Fossan '13, Chris Batson '13, (second row) Kevin Irby '13, Kaveh Waddell '13, Sean Willerford '14, Liza Keller '15, Jeremy Janson '14, Henry Walsh '21, Nathan LaBarba '14, Caroline Nutt '14, Adrian Walsh '16, Asher Hussain '14, (third row) Kai Wiggins '16.5, Joseph Mutter '15, Nial Rele '12, Stu Fram '13, and Christian Holmes '14. ② On August 21, 2021, Amy Johnson '12 and Jon Cox '11 were married in Waitsfield, Vt., surrounded by many Middlebury friends: Davis Whitehead '13, Jesse Wolf '12, Charlie Roberts '11.5, Kevin Carpenter '11.5, Elizabeth Gay Herman '11, Hannah Waite '11, Casey Peterson '12, Rebecca Tharp '12, Lexi Zalk '12, the newlyweds, Leann Li '12, Joanna Rothkopf '12, Ana Vallejo '12, Linda Mason '68, Brad Becker-Parton '11.5, Kathy Mason Ambrette '68, Nellie DeLucia Wood '11, Mike DeLucia '11, Kirsten Lundquist '11, Christopher Waite '08, Claire Powers '12, (second row) Peter Prial '09, Jake Herman '11, Bo Burditt '12, Ben Blackshear '12, Graham Egan '11, Dan Glatt '10, Sam Safran '12, Erin Rea '16, Hannah Pierce '13, and Tom Levin '12.



③ Midd Crew was excited for the return of the Head of the Charles regatta in October. Middlebury had several entries, including in the Women's Alumnae Eight: Kalie Mix '11, Hallie Woods Cheyne '12, Kelsey Domoracki '15, Gabrielle Jacquet '02, Jessica Chen '17, Olivia "OB" Brown '21, Sarah Bunnell '04, Luisa Vosmik '21, and Ashley Wang '21 (coxswain; across the front). ④ A group from the Class of 1976 gathered in late September at Elm Hill Farm in Johnsonville, N.Y., to reunite and reminisce: Steve Rodgers, Jim Kernan, Gene O'Neill, Todd Wadsworth, (standing) Jim Vear, Paul Tierney, Joe McLaughlin, Tony Pagliarulo, Jack Neumyer '75, Jim Dunn, Doug Webb, Jared Cadwell, and John O'Brien.

anything they set their minds to, including a writer like Julia. The "Julia Barbie," a 2021 Official Role Model, was one of two dolls created in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month; the other was fashioned in the likeness of salsa singer Celia Cruz. For those of us eager to find Julia Barbie—either for ourselves or our grandkids—be advised that Mattel made only a few copies of these dolls, and they are not available for purchase, although they did send one to Julia to keep. • **Churchill** and Janet Halstead '72 **Franklin** hosted a DU/Sig Ep mini-reunion the weekend of September 25 for Classes '69-'73 plus some local alumni, at their farm in Cornwall, Vt. Activities included golf, tennis, a bonfire, lots and lots of old stories, and promises to meet at the Class of '71 Reunion this June. Guests included **John Tuohy**, **Rick Kelley**, **Lou Mills**, **Dick** and Linda Henstrand '74 **Schroth**, **John Baker**, **Dick** '69 and **Ann Einsiedler Crumb**, Ashley '70 and **Louise Boyd Cadwell**, Bob Van Wert '70, Rick Minton '69, David Dodge '69, David Furney '72, and Mike Schoenfeld '73. • House repairs and construction have been a theme for some of us in recent years. **Laurie Miner Cox** says, "I'm glad I didn't know how busy retirement could be! Several years ago I bought a very large house that was in foreclosure and fixed it up for my younger son and some of his friends to live in. This spring we decided to sell it and help our son get a house built on some land we owned but were in the process of subdividing. The last two months have been 'crunch time.' The house sale is now pending, the new house is nearing completion, and buyers are awaiting final details (like me getting a road put in) on the other two subdivided lots. I feel like I was dropped into a new, thankfully temporary, role as a real estate dealer—and floor scrubber, wall painter, and junk hauler. Meanwhile, life is good. Our little town of Ripton, Vt., continues to make big news—mostly good, of course—and I often find myself somewhere in the middle of it. I plan to be in a more relaxed, perhaps semi-idle state by the time we meet in June for our on-campus Reunion. I've thought a lot about the many characters who made up Batt Center, first floor, long corridor freshman year, as well as all the others who came into my life back then. And now, reading the bios in our Reunion yearbook, I find myself wishing I'd gotten to connect with so many more of you 50 years ago when we were students together at Midd." • From Wisconsin, **Susie Elmendorf Roberts** writes, "**Jeff** and I celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 6, 2020, and marked the occasion last July at a gala affair in our yard with family and friends. All eight of our grandchildren attended, along with six of our seven children. Despite our 50-plus years of marital bliss, over the years we have evolved into a threesome with our son Will (28), who has autism. The three of us do everything together; in fact, we wouldn't be able to pursue a majority of our interests without Will, who is always eager to help or go on an adventure. Will has influenced family and friends in innumerable positive ways. His

determination and cheerful outlook despite all of his life challenges, including a malignant spinal tumor, rub off on all of us. A few years ago, Will's chicken coop caught fire, and the flames spread to a garage apartment, unattached garage, a car, 22 pairs of cross-country skis, camping equipment, tools, etc. Although the damage was extensive, we were grateful that no one was hurt—and it was all covered by insurance. We decided to rebuild everything ourselves. Jeff and Will tackled all of the construction, while I did the landscaping, painting, tiling, and interior decorating. We now have a huge garage apartment and a workshop for Jeff. We also built an attached one-level apartment that is totally wheelchair accessible. When the time comes that we need care, our plan is to move into that space and give Will the main house. I am thrilled the French doors open into an indoor swimming pool so I can keep up my beloved swimming forever. Our hope is that the three of us will live here happily ever after. Meanwhile, Jeff bought a farm in northern Wisconsin, another one of his many dreams, which he hopes to farm with Will in his retirement. I look forward to someday having a little time for myself to write, read, garden, and most importantly, to spend more time with friends and family and get back to Mexico!" • In closing, we want to acknowledge the longtime contributions of **Rob Waters** to the regular and substantive editions of 1971 class notes over many years. Rob's editing skills, along with his broad knowledge of our class and his unfailing sense of humor, kept the notes coming for more than a decade. Rob has decided to take a well-earned hiatus, and we will miss our regular interactions with him. At the same time, we're pleased that **Karen Lindsay Palmer** has stepped up to join the committee. Her efforts are reflected in this edition of notes. Thanks, Rob and Karen—and thanks to all who respond to our quarterly pleas for news and commentary! We look forward to seeing you in June!

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72 REUNION CLASS The 50-year Reunion Committee had a planning session at Middlebury October 29–31. (Check out a photo on page 83.) It was an exciting and joyous weekend to prepare for you all in June. Exciting because the Social Committee and the College are planning many opportunities for reconnecting and socializing. Joyous because we enjoyed seeing each other and catching up after many years. Please join us at the Reunion so you can experience the same. The Yearbook Committee was so pleased to have **Daniel Suman** as part of our editing crew, but he had to leave early to attend the first week of the COP26 UN global climate summit in Glasgow. Dan is a professor of environmental science and policy at the Rosenstiel

School of Marine and Atmospheric Science at the Univ. of Miami. He has studied the ecosystem benefits of mangroves, including their importance in climate change mitigation and adaptation, for the past three decades. Mangroves have the ability to sequester and trap carbon. As a member of the Panamanian delegation at COP26, Dan participated in a panel discussion on mangroves, promoting them as invaluable blue carbon sinks. • **John Thompson** has just completed his newest middle grade novel, *Buccaneer's Spit: A Race for the Treasure*. One reviewer called it "the equivalent of *Le Petit Prince* rolled together with *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, a page-turner that is equal parts education and entertainment." • We recently learned of the death of **Robert Kane** who passed away on September 23, 2019. Bob came to Middlebury from Sodus, N.Y., having attended Sodus Central School. At Middlebury, he majored in English. Bob studied at Nazareth College of Rochester for a Master of Liberal Studies, where he also worked on curriculum development of the discipline of hospice. Bob was a national pioneer in high school hospice education, where he led students to talk about death and dying and trained them to be hospice volunteers, so they could be part of the final journey of the terminally ill. Bob received a National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) Leading Edge Award for his secondary school hospice curricula at the Norman Howard School, and he developed hospice programs at the Harley School, Mercy High School, and the grammar school in Sligo, Ireland. Bob's programs were internationally recognized, featured in print and media, as well as in the 2013 award-winning documentary film *Beginning with the End*. • See you at the 50th, June 9–12!

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73 It is a small world. And as you remember, Vermont is a very small place, so put the two together, and you'll find serendipity. **Rob Badger** shared the news of his new book: "I've just written a book titled *Landgrove's Greatest Generation* about those in our tiny Vermont town who served in WWII. The title, of course, is borrowed from Tom Brokaw—I hope he doesn't mind. Five were killed, and each has been the subject of talks I have given the past few years at our annual 4th of July parade that ends at the monument memorializing these five young men. There were over two dozen others from our town who served in every branch of the military and lived to make the safe journey home. All are gone now; it is their nearly forgotten stories that I've tried to salvage from the tidbits told to children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. This all is part of my role as president of the Landgrove Historical Society. This is the second book I've written under the auspices of the historical society. The first was *Fading Memories from a Vermont*

Hillside about stories and changes in use of the land of my grandfather's farm, making abundant use of photos my father took in the late 1920s and early 1930s." I (**Lindy**) was interested to learn more about Landgrove, partly because in the small world of Nordic ski racing, I know another resident from that very small town, John Ogden '89, also a Middlebury grad, who has a race-timing business. His children all ski race, and two of them are my retired ski-racing daughter's teammates on the U.S. Ski Team and coached by her husband. One is a current student at Midd. So Rob and I started a back-and-forth email conversation. His reply: "So you know some of my cousins. John Ogden's grandmother and my mother were sisters. He's my first cousin once removed. Yes, my grandfather's farm was in Landgrove. He bought it two months before John Ogden's grandfather bought the nearly abandoned village of Landgrove. My father sold the farmhouse and 40 acres in 1951, the year I was born, but kept 220 acres on three sides of it, land that my brother and I still own. My mother moved from Kentucky to Landgrove in 1937 after her mother died, to be with her favorite older sister (there were eight kids in her family), who was John Ogden's grandmother. That's where she met my father, who never took to farming and was mostly just raising hell in town. In 1929 the village of Landgrove only had seven houses, five of which were abandoned, when my uncle came into town looking for a particular type of cheese that one of the lived-in houses sold (it was kind of a store that didn't carry much). Hence the name of a book he wrote about it called *The Cheese that Changed Many Lives*. One of my projects as prez of the local historical society is to reprint it with corrections. My uncle fixed up the houses and converted three of the barns into houses, and sold them to friends from down country, thus repopulating the town with a bunch of artsy fartsy people; the descendants of some still reside here. From a nearly abandoned village, we are now one of the gold towns of Vermont—top four in terms of average income (I drag that down!)." And in further conversations, Rob mentioned, "I did my master's at UVM studying the geology in your region of Vermont, mapping a unit of rock that crops out between Eden Mills and Craftsbury and runs north towards Albany. And I attended the last fiddler's contest that was held on the village green before it outgrew that locale." Later Rob shared that he was a class secretary with **Kit Fuller** from 1988 to 1993 and was the first secretary to submit our column by email! • Thanks to email we are all able to connect and maybe share stories of coincidental, or planned, visits with other classmates. And this is a reminder that our 50th Reunion is coming up soon—and how much has changed (or maybe not changed?) since we shared stories in "Meeting Midd-stream" for our 25th Reunion? Please email us your stories! • **Kathy Frazer Winsted** posted this on Facebook: "Sadly, our wonderful classmate **Bruce Lauterwasser** passed away yesterday (Nov. 2) after a nine-year battle with

cancer. He loved Middlebury and the friends he made there. He talked often of trying to last until the 50th Reunion. He almost made it. He specifically asked that we remember him when we gather around the tree at the 50th. I assured him we would. RIP Bruce.”

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74 **Ginny Glazier Babal** tells us, “My husband, Dave, and I live on 13 acres of what was once the orchard of a farm, and we still have a lot of apple trees. I also, for some insane reason, have planted flower beds over the years, so I spend a lot of time outside pruning trees, moving flowers around, weeding the various beds, and helping to keep all the grass mowed. We are both retired, for which I am really thankful since there is probably no way I could have kept up with all the technology required by teachers through the pandemic. I am quite active with my church, including helping with Sunday School and also yearly Bible School (once a teacher, always a teacher, I guess). I volunteer once a week at a camp nearby and am also the treasurer for the local Friends of the Library group. It keeps me busy and off the streets! My son is a case worker for a social service organization in Johnstown, Pa., and Dave has two sons, one of whom lives about a half hour from us, and the other lives with his wife down towards Pittsburgh. We also have two grandsons whom we see quite a bit. Amazingly, none of our family got COVID through all of the ups and downs that this entailed. So, overall, we seem to keep busy, are thankful for the many blessings we enjoy, and are looking forward to seeing everybody at our 50th Reunion in a couple of years. I can’t believe it has been that long since we graduated!” • In describing her life since college, **Chris Lazarus** writes, “Mine is a bicoastal story. Because of Professor Pereira’s recommendation (he taught Russian history and got his PhD from UC Berkeley), I went to Berkeley and got an MA in modern European history. I realized pretty quickly that I didn’t want to teach history and that I needed to be practical. So I went on for an MBA at Berkeley and started working in marketing communications in Silicon Valley in the pre-Microsoft days, then followed one boss to a job in Orange County, Calif. I ended up living nearly 20 years in California, launching a mail-order business (pre-Internet) selling folk arts and crafts from around the world, after I had a life-changing trip to East Africa, and another organization benefiting environmental nonprofits. In 1992, I crossed the country again to return to Pawling, N.Y., where my grandparents’ house was vacant, and started working with my dad at his Manhattan media/public relations firm, commuting four hours roundtrip by train (ugh). Eventually he turned the business over to me and I moved it to Brooklyn, which I adored. In 2006, my dad had a major stroke and my mom’s emphysema kicked in and I decided to become a nurse. I

got my BS in nursing and an RN job in Portland, Ore., and relocated my parents here as well. But nursing and I were incompatible. As a businessperson, I found the arbitrary rules and hierarchal structure difficult. After holding several nursing jobs, I left to return to PR and marketing, also in Portland. My parents are both gone now, and I am mostly retired. Between 2016 and 2020 I took two fantastic trips annually to Europe/UK with a couple of friends. With international travel now nearly nonexistent, I am staying put and trying to get involved with one or two nonprofits. I was married for 11 years but never had children. I have, however, had a succession of beloved canine companions and spend some time now caring for dogs of friends who work outside the home. Midd friends I have stayed in touch with include **Amy Howlett**, who roomed with me when we went out to Berkeley in 1974, and **Earl Irving**, who was on the same exchange program to the Soviet Union in 1973 and who was also at UC Berkeley.” • Sadly, we’ve learned that **Barbara Anderson** passed away in early October. Barbara graduated from the NYU Law School, practiced law for 30 years, and lived in Stamford, Conn. In her retirement years she served as president of a garden club in Wellfleet, Mass.

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75 **Anne Thompson Miller** writes, “Like everyone else, our life took a dramatic turn on March 13, 2020. In the midst of showing our house for sale, we suddenly found ourselves moving in with our son to run the digital schoolroom while he and his wife continued teaching and counseling. Eleven months later, we finally moved into our new apartment at Presbyterian Village Athens, Ga. Right now (November 2021), we are searching out our Christmas decorations with the goal of creating new traditions with new friends as we welcome old friends and family for visits. Living in the heart of a Southeastern Conference town, we find that red and black is a significant color combination and that the calendar needs to acknowledge the importance of certain athletic events. Even I, as a nonathletic person, will learn how to say, ‘Go Dawgs!’” • Check out a photo of a classmate on page 65.

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76 Welcome to **Gary Holmes** and **P. Joan Ingram Gavigan**, who have agreed to serve as class correspondents for 1976. Here is their first report: We are sorry to say that our classmate **Peter Gibb**, who was the salutatorian at our graduation, died at his home in Amesbury, Mass., on June 2, 2021, after a period of failing health. We also recently learned that **Sharon McLaughlin Lux** died in hospice care April 28, 2021, with her husband and daughters with her. Their obituaries appear at the end

of these notes. Also, **Craig Simmons** died September 30, 2021, in Berlin, Germany, where he was living. His obituary will be in a later issue. • **Ron Witt**, who retired seven years ago after 30 years with the U.N. Environment Programme (UNEP), is about to publish a book with four former colleagues about UNEP’s process for regularly assessing environmental trends ranging from the global to local level. “We have documented the history of the GEO process since its early days in the 1990s up to the present. Obviously this will be and is meant as a publication for varied practitioners of environmental assessment in the present and future times, but it’s also indirectly a sort of memoir of our careers implementing such assessments.” Ron still lives in Geneva, Switzerland, with his wife. They have two daughters, one of whom lives in London and the other in the United States. • **Gary Holmes** has written a memoir about the first half of his life entitled *Fortunate One—From Nantucket to the White House: A Memoir*. The book covers his birth on Nantucket, his youth on the mainland, and the beginning of his professional career, culminating with his job in the Reagan White House. It also includes several chapters about his experiences at Middlebury. The title reflects Gary’s premise that we baby boomers were part of an unusually fortunate generation and that his life was particularly blessed by a series of fortunate coincidences and twists. The book is available as a paperback, hardcover, or e-book on Amazon and other online retailers. • **Jane Hadden Geisse** and husband Tim have been in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, since 1977. They have two girls, both in their 30s—one is in Denver with four children, the other’s in Sonoma, Calif., running a private horse farm. Jane has been an English teacher, paramedic, and horse trainer, which she continues to do part time. As if that were not enough, Jane is also on the board of their local animal shelter, where she also volunteers; plays the violin in their local orchestra; and competes in cow sorting on her quarter horse (this is a hoot!). Athletics has always been a big part of Jane’s life: she’s climbed Mt. Rainier twice, Mt. Blanc once, and bike-raced at an international level for a while. She thinks of Middlebury a lot and is astounded at how big it is now! • **Susan Lewellen LeFever** reports her husband, **Bill**, retired a year ago from his 37-year dermatology practice, and Sue retired December 31 from nearly nine years of teaching at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary (PCUSA), where she’s been teaching ministry courses, overseeing internships, and handling academic affairs, accreditation, and placement. Like many of us, she is looking forward to having a much shorter to-do list and giving up the long commute. Sue and Bill are looking forward to traveling to California to see their children and grandchildren, and “granddogs, grandducks, and grandbees,” but in these months of Omicron they are keeping in touch with friends and family on FaceTime and getting in a lot of walking and biking when the Wisconsin weather permits. Sue is

also looking forward to making progress on those half-finished knitting projects and all the books she hasn't had time to read. Sue says, "I'm sure there will be many more adventures ahead, but for now we are on sabbatical!" • **P. Joan Gavigan** is still living in Maryland. Husband John's retirement—thanks to COVID's impact on the hotel industry—turned out to be a blessing in disguise. His help during her six months of cancer treatment was enormous. Joan is glad to have survived all that! She continues to work as an attorney representing young people in the child welfare system—for the most part over Zoom. All gainfully employed, their six offspring live nearby, with occasional exceptions. Danny, their fourth born and "only begotten son," was recently in an episode of *FBI*, playing the part of the grieving ex-husband of a gravely injured agent. It aired in December and his huge extended family watched and cheered—and boosted the Nielsen ratings by their sheer numbers. Send your news to the email addresses below! • Check out a mini-reunion photo on page 72.

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77 REUNION CLASS In September 2021, **Denise Schlener** and **Anne Van Ingen** completed the three-day, 90-mile Adirondack Canoe Classic, also known as the 90 Miler, involving three days of canoeing over a series of lakes, ponds, streams, and bogs, as well as making portages, from Old Forge to Saranac Lake, N.Y. This was their second time participating and the second time that they completed the course. Over 250 boats and 400+ paddlers were involved in the competition. Denise commented that towards the end, it appeared that they were competing with several boats for the MOST time on the water—and noted "no gold medals for that." However, with a final sprint to the finish line on Saranac Lake, they did complete the race, while many did not. Denise and Anne thank their pit crew—Anne's husband, Wes—for getting them to the daily start line on time and providing chips and beer as needed. • **Sandra Koch McFarren** says, "Hi from Nevada," sending in a note so that her good friend **Sue Kenyon** will have news to read. Sandy retired in December 2021 from her career as an ob/gyn in Carson City, Nev. She has enjoyed a wonderful career and says it's now on to the next chapter! Her daughter, Katie McFarren, Class of 2014, officially becomes a veterinarian in May 2022. Sandy is hoping to ride along on farm calls sometimes. • **Laurel Berner Harvey** has been raising two children and working full time in finance at Princeton Univ. This led to a second career as Princeton trustee for Mpala, a 50,000-acre ranch and wildlife research center in Kenya. Board meetings always interfered with Midd Reunions in past years but her last Mpala board meeting was in 2021 so maybe this is the cycle. Laurel notes that she and George met Midd President Laurie

Patton three years ago at an alumni event and were beyond thrilled with her leadership! • **Bob Lindberg** and brother Jim '81 took a delayed golf trip to the West Coast in September 2021. Check out a photo on page 65. • A gentle reminder that this June 10–12 is our 45th Reunion! Time to kick those New Year's resolutions into a higher gear. • And, sadly, we have learned that **Gregory Bessey** died on November 28, 2021, and the College heard that **Deborah Lyon** died on February 11, 2008. Our condolences and prayers for their families and loved ones.

—Class Correspondent: *Bob Lindberg (boblindberg1928@gmail.com)*

78 **Bob Carolla** writes, "I'm currently semi-retired. I teach occasionally as an adjunct in American University's Washington Semester Program (at which I was a student through Midd in 1976) and serve on two Arlington, Va., civic boards. One is the Arlington Rotary Club through which I'm helping to raise funds for a hospital in Cochabamba, Bolivia (where I was a Rotary exchange student in high school). The project relates in part to my having attended Midd's Spanish School this past summer on a Kathryn Davis Peace Scholarship. I'd be interested in exchanging information with any other members of our class who are active in projects through their own local Rotary clubs or who have a special interest in Bolivia. Regards to all."

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79 Please send me your news! Classmates want to hear what you are up to!
—Class Correspondent: *Henry Heyburn (brheyburn@hotmail.com)*

80 **Ellen Boyles Race** writes, "I was so disappointed when our 40th Reunion was cancelled due to COVID. I have never missed a Reunion before because I always enjoy catching up with my former classmates at least every five years. I will look forward to our 45th. Yikes—are we really that old? Rob '78 retired four years ago and we sold our home of 28 years in Massachusetts and moved full time to Steamboat Springs, Colo. We love living in a ski resort in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. Our days are filled with outdoor adventures, be it skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, biking, or golfing. The powder-filled tree skiing is amazing here, and summers are fantastic as well. Lots of sun and no humidity! Our eldest daughter, Meghan, lives in Arvada, Colo., with her husband and two daughters who are five and three. Our other daughter, Kayla '08, lives in Salt Lake City with her husband, Dekker Deacon '07. We are happy to live within driving distance of both of our children. And we love being grandparents." • **Dave McCary** sent in his update: "Climbed Everest three times and sailed around the

world twice in my sunfish. No, actually I haven't done anything since graduation. Still living in Forest, undetected. No, actually somewhere in between. We recently celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary. We welcomed our oldest son and his wife's first son into the world. I'm continuing my photography: www.DWMcCary.com. And I started my fourth company, this time in wealth management: www.McCary-Anheuser-wealth.com. Wishing all Midd '80s health and happiness." • **Annie Stevenson Knudsen** writes, "I just retired after 40 years of working in independent high schools. Started off as a French teacher and then transitioned into admin. For the last 15 years I acted as dean of faculty at an independent high school in Oakland, Calif. The day after I retired, I started working with my daughter, Sydney, on her organic vegetable farm called Off Beet Farm. Check out her Instagram—she sells a lot of produce that comes from the Oaxaca area of Mexico. We do two farmers' markets (Berkeley on Saturday and San Rafael on Thursday—if you are in the area, come by to say hi) every week and spend the rest of the time working in the fields. I can genuinely say, 'Oh, my aching back.' Her farm is in Winters, Calif., and I am good for no more than six hours a day in the 90-to-100-degree heat. My son, Casey, just got his master's from the architecture school at UCLA and is looking for a job. Keith and I live in Albany, next to Berkeley. We spend a lot of time in the Sierras, and I am always looking for hiking friends. So far (all three months of it) retirement has been great." • **Michael Pearson** says, "It's been a million years since I had an update, but I do have one now. Last June 1, my wife, Beth, and I moved full time to our house in Woodbury, Vt. We'd been coming up for years but now it's home. Thirty acres on a little hillside—we pinch ourselves every day. I've retired (!) after 30-plus years in insurance but am busy with local soccer leagues and hopefully skiing. And, naturally, Beth and I are climbing the Green Mountains just to keep in shape. I dropped in at the College as it was just emerging from the lockdown and fortunately now have all new Middlebury gear from Forth 'n' Goal! It's so much fun to be back up where it all started. Vermont is full of '80 folks." We also learned that on opening day 2021, he became a ski instructor at Stowe! • **Dave MacCrellish** moved to the seacoast from central New Hampshire and now lives in Kittery, Maine, where he walks his dog, operates a portable sawmill, and studies pool maintenance in his part time. He welcomes any and all Midd visitors who might be passing on 95. Drop in for some striped fishing and a swim! He hopes to make our next Reunion. • **Don Kreis** reports, "I have been serving since 2016 as New Hampshire's consumer advocate, which means I run a small state agency tasked with representing the interests of the Granite State's residential utility customers in the eternal quest to rein in any tendencies to profligacy and/or torpor among investor-owned electric, natural gas, and water companies. Why did I land in

New Hampshire? It's payback, obviously, for making fun of the state as a smart-alecky New Yorker during my undergraduate years. Two years ago I had the pleasure of showing Middlebury off to my daughter, Rose, but Bowdoin swooped her up. She is now a sophomore, and I am coping well under the strain of divided collegiate loyalties, which are further exacerbated by my having married a Princeton gal, Hilary Hamilton, in 2014. Last June Rose and I visited my grandmother's hometown of Butte, Mont. The lure of ancestral ties, and trail riding at our favorite guest ranch in the foothills of the Big Belt Range, keep us going back to the Big Sky State. But since I never ridiculed Montana as a youth, I do not expect fate to send me there permanently." • **Alison Osius** writes, "I am in western Colorado, working as an editor at *Climbing* magazine, and over the years I've freelanced on the side, with essays, humor pieces, etc. Mike's and my older son, Ted Bengé, graduated Midd in 2016 (younger one, Roy, was UVA '19). Ted was a classmate and friend of Trevor Miletich, son of my friend, **Emily Langlie**. What is really funny is that Emily's father and my father were classmates (Princeton '52). I was so disappointed not to have our class Reunion! But I want to say that **Karen Eckrich Tyler**, **Catherine Harris**, **Catharine Fergus**

Garber, and I attended **Barbara Banks**'s memorial together in the spring. As painful as the loss was, we were glad to see her husband, Charlie Altekruze, and their two lovely boys, and to hear Barbara vastly celebrated. We saw **Steve Brock** and Leah Sirkin '82 there as well." • **Geoff Plume** reports, "My wife, Lisa, and I bought a place in Quechee, Vt., in late 2019 as our future retirement home. We have spent a lot of time there since COVID hit. Our daughter is a junior in high school, so our home base will remain in North Andover, Mass., until sometime into her college years." • **Holly Darling Barany** says, "Mike and I are still very much settled in Bermuda (finally paid off the mortgage!). We are now grandparents! We have a granddaughter, Ellie-May (11), and a grandson, Caleb Michael (1), plus a second born in November, Kylo Talbot. Our son, Andrew, and girlfriend Lily-May live in the UK so we have yet to see the boys (darn COVID). Our older son, Mark, lives in Bermuda now, having been away for 14 years! He and partner Jordan married in July, which was very special. My husband, Mike, still has his accounting business, and I left the insurance industry after 25 years and have been doing landscaping for the past 18 years. I started my own garden business 11 years ago—I just do private clients and it is the best decision

I ever made!" • **Nancy Cochran Crochiere** reports, "**Paul** placed third in his 60–64 age group at the 2021 London Marathon and Abbott World Marathon Majors/Wanda Age-Group Championship with a time of 2:53:16. Paul qualified for this world championship event by placing first in his age group at the Boston Marathon (2:53:40) and in Duluth's Grandma's Marathon (2:56:38) in 2019. He also won his age group in the Philadelphia Marathon in 2018 on the day he turned 60 with a time of 2:54:14. Overall, this was Paul's 21st marathon, and he and I enjoyed the London trip despite having to take four COVID tests each. We spent as much time as possible outdoors in the UK, hiking the Seven Sisters cliff walk, punting in Cambridge, and hopping across the Prime Meridian in Greenwich." • **Buck Lyons** sent word that he, **Bull Durham**, and **Billy Erdman** caught up at the wedding of Billy's daughter, Jamie, in Columbus, Ohio, on October 2, 2021. Buck traveled from California, Bull from Arizona, and Billy from Massachusetts to attend the festivities. The three of them have remained in close touch since graduation through several outlets, including regular trips to partake of their shared passion for kitesurfing. Bull has recently transitioned from his full-time career in the private sector as a surgeon to

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volunteering his time and efforts as a comprehensive lifesaver for the Navajo Nation and Haiti. His current focus is on feeding and educating children at an orphanage in Port-au-Prince with regular visits there to perform life-changing surgery on the orphans. He organizes supplies from his garage and arranges transportation to get the supplies to the most needy in Haiti. Bull has been volunteering his time and talent to the people of Haiti since the 7.0 magnitude earthquake in 2010 and was highlighted in *Middlebury Magazine* in 2019. (You can see the article, "Paging Doctor Bull," on middleburymagazine.com in the Features section.) As Bull ramps up his individual efforts, now is the time to reach out and offer support to Bull. It would be great if the Class of 1980 could offer our support to Bull as classmates and fellow human beings. • **Sue Leppla** writes, "I left my home of 34 years in Aspen, Colo., and moved to Waitsfield, Vt., where my brother lives, in November of 2018. Got divorced, sold my home and business, and decided to start again in the state I fell in love with while at Middlebury. For the first time in my life, I spend all my time making art and playing music and writing songs. I started my own jewelry and drawing business and decided to call it 'Sue's Better Life' and you can find my website at suesbetterlife.com. I have reconnected with a few Middlebury friends and am enjoying my new start. I've even done drawing commissions for fellow classmates **Dave McCary**, **Greg Martin**, and **Scott Beeson**! My daughter is now 23 and living the van life in Moab, Utah, as a mountain and rock-climbing guide. I would love to hear from other Middlebury friends either living in the area or visiting." —Class Correspondents: **Anne Cowherd** (annie.cowherd@att.net); **Kimberly Winick** (kimberly.winick@gmail.com).

81 **Kathy Leary McCarthy** reports, "To try and break the rut of binge-watching—fun as *Kim's Convenience* and *Ted Lasso* are—I initiated two reading projects of books on my Ought to Read list. Our older son studied classics, so my husband and I are reading *The Odyssey* with his guidance. What a great tale! Also, we are volunteers with the Irish American Heritage Museum here in Albany, N.Y., and I convinced a trustee of the museum, who is also a professor of Irish literature, to lead a group in reading—and deciphering—James Joyce's *Ulysses*. It occurs to me that these two books are filling my thwarted-in-the-pandemic love of travel. If I can't go places, I can read about wanderers and wanderings." • On October 11, **Grayle Howlett** was honored to join fellow classmates **Michael Price** and **Peter Hurwitz**, plus Bob Marchesi '80, at a charity golf event benefiting Kolbe Cathedral High School in Bridgeport, Conn. **Rick Ryan** is the director of development at Kolbe, and he organized the fantastic event. It was an afternoon full of laughter and marginal golf, all for a great cause! • News came from **Aline Storey Zimmer**: "After our Reunion was shifted to a virtual Reunion, and wishing

to celebrate memories of **Judy Holland**, several of us from (mostly) Stewart dorm gathered at the Inn on the Green in Middlebury in June. For each of us it was the first group gathering since the beginning of the pandemic. **Marcia Nordgren**, **Barbara Burns Comstock**, **Elaine King Nickerson**, **Carolyn Bausch**, **Carol Morrison Bingham**, **Hope Hayden Kelley**, and I had a great time touring the campus, visiting eateries both old and new, hiking, and doing a little lake swimming. Others wanted to be there and couldn't make it, but it was a much-needed reunion and it forged new bonds while strengthening old ones. Just don't ask about the hairy caterpillar or how much wine and liquor was consumed!" Check out a photo on page 68. • **Joan Foster Evans** sent news about another 1981 mini-reunion. "A group of us got together near Waitsfield, Vt., for a reunion last summer. We spent a long weekend talking, walking, catching up, and enjoying magnificent Vermont." Check out a photo also on page 68. • **Ken Carlton** sent this update: "After a half-dozen books, numerous TV episodes, screenplay options, and documentaries—not to mention speechwriting all over the world for my day job, and a food column I still write for *Inspirelle Paris*—I founded a company! Everyone else was doing it, so, well... It's called Beyondish.com and we do locally curated food reviews from across the U.S. We also have a digital magazine piece called "On the Dish." Anyone have a go-to destination dish to review? Please. You know the editor in chief. Oh, I also dated and am now married 10 years to a fabulous professor in Chicago. We've been commuting for 17 years between Brooklyn and Chi, and we've raised four kids, too. We have a lot of miles." • See a photo of a brother golf trip on page 65. • Save the Date! We hope to see you back in Middlebury for our 41st Reunion! Join our class for a celebration at the historic Middlebury Inn on Saturday, June 25. Come back to Middlebury for the wonderful dinner party or come for the whole weekend. More details forthcoming on the dinner price and time, as well as golf, hiking, tours, and more. We have a block of rooms reserved at the Inn. Call 407-388-4961 to reserve a room and ask for the Class of '81 discount with a two-night minimum. Tickets for the dinner party will be available soon. Contact **Stacey Pogust Danziger** (Bruger83@aol.com) or **Margaret Higgins Cox** (fosmargaret@gmail.com) if you have any questions. This promises to be fun. Hope to see you there. —Class Correspondent: **Alice Tower Knapp** (a.knapp.a@gmail.com).

82 **REUNION CLASS Kate Kennedy** retired in June 2020 after a 31-year career teaching high school physics and chemistry, almost all in Ashland, Ore. In the fall of 2020, she led a 24-day, private raft trip down the Colorado River. This trip had been planned for many years, and it was a great way to spend her first fall out of the classroom. She and her husband, Dave Brennan, hope to ski many

days this winter. Some of those days will be with three grandchildren that live nearby. • **Nancy Rielle** reports, "I'm on a nine-month Urban Intergenerational Cohousing Walkabout to grok this world and find my place in it. While experiencing seven noteworthy communities (for three to six weeks in each), I'll be discovering best practices—and pain points—that will inform my future role(s) and project(s) and where I might live next (either in an existing community, or one that I co-create). If there are any other '82ers involved in the co-housing world, I'd love to hear from you (nrielle@gmail.com)!" • **Henriette Lazaridis** writes, "I'm excited to announce that my novel, *Terra Nova*, set in Antarctica and London in 1910, will be published Dec. 6, 2022, with Pegasus Books. My lifelong fascination with that continent is finally paying off!" • Note from your class correspondents—SAVE THE DATE! We hope to see you in Middlebury on June 10–12 to celebrate our 40th Reunion. It's a big event and we're looking forward to an outstanding turnout! A committee of classmates is cooking up some activities, special events, and all-around good times for the weekend. Reunion committee members are **Mark Altmeyer**, **Steve Burton**, **Bill Cahill**, **Beau Coash**, **Heidi Reichenbach Harring**, **Renie Knecht Heebner**, **Melissa Mills Henken**, **Bobby Hill**, **Steve Kiernan**, **Hannah Felton Lyons**, **Al Muggia**, **Wendy Behringer Nelson**, **Leroy Nesbitt**, **Jim Ralph**, **Polly Mitchell Ranson**, **Charlie Robinson**, **Cindy Pidgeon Slater**, **Al Wagman**, and **Joe Weis**. Look for info on mini-reunion regional events leading up to this June—we will keep you posted as plans come together. Let's go, Class of '82! —Class Correspondents: **Wendy Behringer Nelson** (gomomgo920@gmail.com); **Caleb Rick** (crick@northcommon.com).

83 Please send us your news! We'd love to hear from you! —Class Correspondents: **Allison Burroughs** (adburroughs@gmail.com); **Victoria Seiden Gonin** (victoriagonin@gmail.com).

84 If you have any news you'd like to share, please send it to us! And if anyone would like to step up as a class correspondent, let us know. —Class Correspondents: **Elizabeth Eppes Winton** (ewinton@mac.com); **Andrew Zehner** (andrewzehner@gmail.com).

85 Would anyone like to take over as class correspondents? If so, please contact Sara Marshall, the alumni editor, at smarshal@middlebury.edu. We thank Denah and Ruth for all their years of service as correspondents! —Class Correspondents: **Ruth Lobmann Davis** (ruth.davis63@gmail.com); **Denah Lobmann Toupin** (denabt@comcast.net).

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86 Sarah Lewis sent word that her first novel, a climate fiction piece called *The Change Agents: Whispers in the Wind*, was recently released. She writes, “It turns out the inspiration for the topic, a climate change blog I follow, had a Middlebury connection. I didn’t realize it until the author of the blog, Carl Howard, graciously provided an endorsement for the book, and I learned he graduated from Middlebury in 1981 (and his daughter was in the Class of 2017). Additionally, Bill McKibben provided encouragement for the book after I reached out to him due to the Middlebury commonality.” • These COVID months have resulted in many changes to our “regular” routines of work and play. When possible, our classmates have found some mini-reunion times. John Corcoran writes, “Greetings, classmates, I hope you are all well in these crazy times. It has been quite a while since I’ve written but I’ll spare you too much news and just go with my most recent developments. After a long career in investment banking, I decided to take a little time off to be with my kids before they flew the coop, so I am now a full-time father to Pete (16) and Chris (15) in New Canaan, Conn. I’m enjoying my family time very much but not looking forward to the college application process or going back to work. So far, my wife and kids are being very patient with me but we’ll see how long that lasts. I took a short tour of the Pacific Northwest in the fall of 2021, and I was able to catch up with several of our classmates on that trip. I started in Seattle and had a nice lunch and afternoon with Jim Bromley and his wife, reminiscing on our days in the basement of KDR and then as roommates in NYC. After that I spent a few days with other friends and family before heading to Portland, Ore. My first night there I saw Dirk Jacobs who happened to be hosting Don Guidi after their annual golf trip, so we had a mini-Allen-pits-reunion. It was like we had never separated. The next day we met with Ceci Thoren Usher and her husband, Gordon, and we all went to a beautiful vineyard, and as that wasn’t enough, we reunited later for a great dinner with an even larger group. It was great to see everyone, and I highly recommend the ‘tour’ to others. I hope to make it an annual event and I look forward to seeing the rest of you at the next Reunion!” • On the other corner of the country, “Midd Girls Hit JI”! Holly Beni Harty hosted a fun-filled get-together with Amanda Travers Nisbet, Cinny Eberts Bensen, Janet Tiampo, and Kathryn Cater Bergquist in Vero Beach, Fla.
—Class Correspondent: Heather Pierce Post (beatherdpierce@gmail.com).

87 REUNION CLASS Reunion is coming! Well, those 35 years just flew by, didn’t they? Classmates, save the date for an epic return to campus to celebrate our 35th Reunion: June 10–12 in Vermont. Keep an eye out for the schedule, registration info, and other details coming soon. • Isa

Abislaïman recently filed an Amicus Brief with the U.S. Supreme Court. In August 2020, Isa filed a constitutional class action suit claiming equal rights for U.S. citizens residing in Puerto Rico. Her case was stayed pending the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in U.S. vs. Vaello-Madero, in which Isa filed an Amicus Brief on behalf of the plaintiffs. “The U.S. government’s position is that territories can be subject to unequal treatment, relying on case law decided by a proslavery Supreme Court over 100 years ago,” writes Isa. The SCOTUS decision in Vaello-Madero is expected to be published this spring. • Palmer Rabey Kippola’s book *Beat Autoimmune: The 6 Keys to Reverse Your Condition and Reclaim Your Health* reached #1 in the category of MS, CFS, and Chronic Pain on Amazon. It is available in paperback and at a special \$1.99 price on Kindle. • Tal Birdsey reports, “I have just published my second book on the school I founded in Ripton, Vt., the North Branch School. *Hearts of the Mountain: A Teacher, Adolescents, and a Living School* recounts a year of teaching and learning in our nearly one-room schoolhouse in the woods. For anyone involved in education, it’s a great look at how school can be done differently.”
—Class Correspondents: Tom Funk (tomfunk@gmail.com); Elizabeth Ryan O’Brien (obrien@bigwhoop.com).

88 Congratulations to Chris Wood, the president and CEO of Trout Unlimited (TU), who was honored as a 2022 inductee into the national Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame for his conservation work. Since he took over at TU in 2009, he has grown the organization into an internationally respected conservation powerhouse. He has also served as senior policy and communications advisor to the chief of the U.S. Forest Service.
—Class Correspondents: Anya Puri Brunnick (abrunnick@gmail.com); Claire Gwatkin Jones (gwatkojones@gmail.com).

89 Beth Whitlock and husband wanted to share that they now have two children who are Middlebury alumni! Ben Patch also has an alum child. And I know that Penny Post and Deron Chang ’90 have a daughter at Midd, as do Eric and Cathy Butts Vikstrom. Who else has a Midd Kid? I apparently started way late—mine aren’t even in high school yet! • Susan Conley writes, “I published my fifth book with Knopf, entitled *Landslide*, which is about how to talk to ‘wolves,’ or rather two teen boys who live with their mother and father in a fishing village on the coast of Maine. The book explores the underselling of boys in today’s culture and a mother’s journey to really connect with her sons when the fishing industry is hit hard and her family almost falls apart. As far as I go, I’m still loving Portland, Maine, and still teaching in the Stonecoast Graduate Writing Program. I’m also doing my own private writing workshops and

book editing for writers of all genres and ilks throughout the year (virtual and otherwise).” To read a review about Susan’s book, go to middleburymagazine.com and click on Review. • Robin Rhodes Astor is living in Vermont and working as the director of enrollment operations at Saint Michael’s College. She was fortunate to fit in a visit with classmate Gabriela Gangotena in Quito, Ecuador, shortly before this crisis began. She also wrote a nice long note about her efforts to support everyone during the crisis and emphasizes that KINDNESS can go a long way especially in uncertain times. • Nancy Moore was ordained an Episcopal priest back in 2002. After 12 years in Piscataquis County (Maine), she is now serving both an Episcopal congregation and a Lutheran congregation in Oxford County (also Maine).
—Class Correspondent: George Baxter (george.baxter@me.com).

90 From Center City, Philadelphia, Pam Rosser Thistle writes that she now has a sophomore at Pitt and another daughter considering college in Vermont for next year. Pam continues to sell residential real estate in Philly with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Fox & Roach REALTORS but can help connect with great agents nationally and internationally. Like many of us, Pam and her family experienced some hard times during the pandemic. “But the ability to work mostly from home has been a godsend. My work has been my salvation and oddly I had my best year ever. Always finding the beauty in every day. I think we’ve learned to appreciate the small things, the big things, everything we can.” Pam sometimes sees Betsy Brubaker McGill, who lives close by, and occasionally Ellen Jerrehian Conybear. • Haven Luke was appointed to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Warm Springs Memorial Advisory Committee in July 2021. Haven began his career working for the U.S. State Department with a posting in what was previously Prague, Czechoslovakia. Upon returning to the United States, he joined AB Athens Inc., a printing company located in Athens, Ga. He is also a partner in HL Capitol based in Aiken, S.C. Haven and his wife, Natalie, have three children.
—Class Correspondents: Doug Meyer (pdoug@uol.com); Elizabeth Toder (eatoder@gmail.com).

91 If you have any news, please send it my way!
—Class Correspondent: Andrew Resnik (resnikandrew@gmail.com).

92 REUNION CLASS Somehow it’s our 30th Reunion in a few short months! More about that in a bit. Even bigger news is that Kent Hughes is now the general manager of the Montreal Canadiens—wow! Congratulations to Kent. Dave Boyle caught up with him while he was on the road with the team in Minnesota and reports

that Kent said, “I am really excited for this opportunity. You know I am a hockey junkie and even though I had plans with my wife, Deena, to settle down a bit and enjoy these last few years before all of our kids fly the coop, my family basically laughed at me when I considered not going forward with the opportunity. In Canada—and Deena and I are from Montreal and my two boys are big-time hockey players in college hoping to have good pro careers—you don’t pass this up. This is like the New York Yankees and Dallas Cowboys all rolled into one. Ultimately, this is a culmination of all my hard work, and my family’s sacrifice, these past 25 years as a player agent, and this seems to be the perfect opportunity for me.” Almost as impressive is the fact that several of Kent’s school records (140 assists and 194 points in his career at Midd as well as 48 assists and 63 points in a season, both in our senior year) are still holding strong today! And in case anyone missed it during all the COVID craziness, he was inducted into the Middlebury Athletic Hall of Fame in 2020. Amazing! • We hope as many of you as possible are considering a trip back to Midd for our 30th, June 10–12. Working from home was fun for a while, but any house or apartment can seem extra small when everyone is there all the time, so a Vermont vacation could be a terrific respite. Looking forward to it! If you have any questions about the festivities, please reach out to any of the following: **Kingman Gordon** (kingmangordon@hotmail.com), **Bill Wheeler** (bill@billwheeler.com), **Hilary Eidinoff Meyerson** (hilarymeyerson@gmail.com), or **Brian Schilling** (brianschilling.wy@gmail.com). • And last, a heartfelt plea to the class—we need new class correspondents! We’ve tried our best, but it’s been sporadic as life chaos has intervened way too much. Three people might be ideal in order to spread the reach within the class and to share the submission deadlines. There’s still a place for the slow news approach, and the silver lining of the pandemic is that it’s shown us how valuable long-term friendships are. Let’s keep in touch! If you’re even slightly interested, please contact **Dave** or **Leslie** or alumni editor Sara Marshall at smarshal@middlebury.edu.

—Class Correspondents: David Boyle (davemboyle@gmail.com); Leslie Cone Pagnotta (lesliepagnotta917@gmail.com).

93 **Sarah Stewart Taylor** has published her second novel in the Maggie D’arcy mystery series that began with the book *The Mountains Wild*. This story, called *A Distant Grave*, continues the saga of Detective Maggie D’arcy as she attempts to solve the case of a dead unidentified Irish national found in a wealthy Long Island beach community. Once again, the action takes place mainly in the U.S. and Ireland. • Both **Heidi Rehm** and **Jodi Hilty** have taken part in the Future Forward program of the Center for Careers and Internships at Middlebury. Future Forward includes videos of a variety of leaders in their career fields talking about the current and

future environments in their industry. Heidi is the chief genomics officer for the Center for Genomics Medicine and the Dept. of Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. She is also the medical director of the Clinical Research Sequencing Platform at the Broad Institute and a professor of pathology at Harvard Medical School. She shared her perspectives on the field of clinical genomics. Jodi is the president and chief scientist of the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative. She has had an extensive career in environmental conservation and she shared her perspectives on the field. • Check out a photo of a classmate on page 65.

—Class Correspondent: Maria Diaz (latinawriting@gmail.com).

94 **Michael Howson** completed a south-bound end-to-end thru hike of the Long Trail in October. On the trail he met fellow Midd alums from the Classes of 2017 and 1974, and a Midd parent, whose child graduated in 2015. During a rest day in Midd, met up with **Carrie Macfarlane** and his daughter, Sachi Howson ’21.5. • We are sorry to report that we learned **James ‘Jay’ Cowden Bradford III** died of natural causes on November 8.

—Class Correspondents: Mary Strife Cairns (mcairns94@gmail.com); Gene Swift (geneswift@gmail.com).

95 Please send us your news!
—Class Correspondents: David Diamonon (ddiamonon@yahoo.com); Terra Reilly (sansivera@gmail.com).

96 Please send news! Classmates would like to hear from you.
—Class Correspondent: Humberto Garcia-Sjogrim (humbertogs@gmail.com).

97 **REUNION CLASS** In anticipation of our 25th Reunion (!) in June, your class correspondents encourage you to share your news and updates with your classmates so we can all start catching up with each other. We’ll go first! • **Jennifer Gelb Carbee** was recently named director and chief counsel of the Office of Legislative Counsel for the Vermont General Assembly. Jen has worked for the nonpartisan Office of Legislative Counsel since 2007, where she has focused on drafting legislation and providing legal and policy guidance regarding health care and human services issues. Jen lives with her husband and daughter in Middlesex, Vt. • **Jackie Pelton Hoglund** has been an instructional technology specialist in the Wellesley Public Schools for the last 18 years. Throughout the pandemic she has coached teachers on integrating technology into their curriculum, trained more than 500 teachers on using Zoom to teach either hybrid or remotely, rolled out Seesaw (a learning platform for PreK–2nd graders), and helped

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The nomination slate for the term of office beginning July 1, 2022, will be available for viewing on March 1, 2022, and voting on April 1, 2022. The deadline for voting is April 30, 2022. Please vote at go.middlebury.edu/maa.

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SAVE THE DATE

Reunion 2022 will be June 10–12!

teachers better use Google Classroom and the Google Workspace suite in their teaching. She recently became a certified Google for Education trainer and an Apple learning coach. The best part about her job is working with her own kids’ teachers and administrators. She currently has a kindergartener, twin fourth graders, and an eighth grader. • In addition, we have news from some other classmates. **Jason** and **Renée Camfield Shellhaas** say, “Hello from Ann Arbor! We are still here at the University of Michigan (Renée in pediatric neurology and Jason at University Health Services). We are really looking forward to Reunion in June! This one will be extra special, not only because we get to see everyone for our big 25th Reunion, but also because we will be there with our son, Peter, who is joining the Middlebury College Class of 2026! We are super excited for him!”

—Class Correspondents: Jennifer Gelb Carbee (jcarbee@gmail.com); Jackie Pelton Hoglund (jackieboglund@gmail.com).

98 Based in the Dallas office of Duane Morris, **Jason Boatright** was recently appointed to the Texas Board of Disciplinary Appeals. He’ll have a three-year appointment on the statewide independent adjudicatory body of 12 attorneys, who are appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas. • **Camila Sosman Palmer** is a partner with Elkind Alterman Harston (EAH) in Denver, Colo., and represents companies and individuals in all immigration matters. Camila was awarded “Lawyer of the Year” in the 2022 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* for her work in immigration law. EAH provides comprehensive legal services in the areas of employment and family-based immigration, removal defense, and asylum and refugee law. Camila, her husband, and two children live in Denver. • And **Jon Elder**, who is a construction lawyer and litigator with Anderson & Kreiger, was recently made a partner at the firm. Congratulations to our classmates!

—Class Correspondents: Katie Whittlesey Comstock

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(katiecomstock3@gmail.com); Nate Johnson (natejohn98@gmail.com); Sbruthi Mabalingaiah (sbruthi@hsph.harvard.edu).

99 **Geoff Brown** recently wound up his job as New York City's chief information security officer and its first-ever head of NYC Cyber Command. He will be joining the faculty at the Middlebury Institute as a professor of cybersecurity in the Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies program, helping to build the cybersecurity program. You can check out a story about him on the MIIS website in the Career Insights Blog. • **Pete Steinberg** and wife Helene Juillard welcomed a healthy baby boy, Auguste Westra Steinberg, on February 7. All are well. —Class Correspondents: Erin Harrington (erindorie@gmail.com); Peter Steinberg (captfun99@gmail.com).

00 **Claire Casey** had the honor of being invited by the UN Secretary General to give the progress report on the sustainable development goals to frame the kick-off of the UN General Assembly this year. Claire says, "Definitely the first and last time I'll open for BTS! New fan of K-Pop. We decided to launch Economist Impact that same day because it perfectly captured our mission—to bring rigorous data analysis and measurement together with storytelling and engagement to try to move the needle on the biggest issues of our day. Exciting times!" • In other exciting news, many of you probably saw that **Steve Waltien** was part of the Emmy Award-winning team for Stephen Colbert's "Election Night 2020: Democracy's Last Stand Building Back America Great Again Better 2020." Congratulations, Steve! • What exciting things have you been up to? Send me an update. —Class Correspondent: Jennifer Crystal (jennifercrystalwriter@gmail.com).

01 We are so sad to report that our classmate **Andrew Dutterer** passed away on September 25, 2021, in a tragic car accident. He was living in Salem, Ore., and working for the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and leaves behind his wife, Caitlin, and son, Henry. More details can be found in his obituary available at obits.oregonlive.com. • **Kathleen Francis Johnstun** writes, "I married Jacob Johnstun on March 19, 2021, in a small, outdoor ceremony in Oregon. We then escaped the rainy Oregon winter by traveling to St. Croix, USVI. In other news, I continue to teach fourth grade during the pandemic, this year with 29 in-person fourth graders, which is better than teaching fourth grade via Google Classroom! Best of all, I am the proud owner of a Gypsy Vanner foal, born in October. My plan is to train her for dressage. She's smoky black and white in color, beyond darling, and I named her Frankie in honor of my maiden name." • Check out a photo of a 2001 mini-reunion on page 83!

—Class Correspondents: Leslie Fox Arnould (lesliearnould@gmail.com); Zach Bourque (zacharybourque@gmail.com).

02 **REUNION CLASS** We are feeling like proud parents, as TWO Class of '02 athletes were inducted into the Middlebury Athletics Hall of Fame in November 2021. **Bryan Black** (track and field) and **Derek Chicarilli** (diving). Bryan is an NCAA Champion javelin thrower who earned All-American honors in 2000 and 2002. His best season came as a senior, when he won the NCAA title with a toss of 221 feet, 4 inches, a record that still stood at the time of his induction. Derek is the most decorated diver in school history. In 2001, he won both the one-meter and three-meter boards at the NCAA Diving Championships and was named the NCAA Diver of the Meet. Go B-squared! Go Relli! • **Seth Coffrin** and his family have moved to Bainbridge Island, Wash., and he says, "We are really loving our life here." Kelsey, his wife, is a dive master at the local dive shop (so if you need to get certified, you know where to go) and Seth is picking up pickleball, which was actually founded on Bainbridge (we could have sworn it started in Florida or Arizona). Seth, you're a Hall of Famer in our book! • In other athletic news, **Gabrielle Jacquet** writes, "Midd Crew was particularly excited for the return of the Head of the Charles Regatta this past October. We had entries in the Men's Collegiate Eight, Women's Collegiate Eight, and Women's Collegiate Four, as well as three alumni boats: a Women's Alumnae Eight, Women's Alumnae Four, and Men's Alumni Four." See a photo on page 72. • Lastly, as we look toward our 20th Reunion in June, we must look to the future of this quarterly alumni update. After five studious years running this correspondence for our class, **Eric** and **Morgan** will hand off duties to two very deserving alumni. **Stephen** (SORRY FOR ALL CAPS, I AM AN ARCHITECT) **Messinger** and **Anne** (Chef Boss) **Alfano** were somehow tricked into thinking this was a 15-year responsibility, when in fact five years is a much smaller number. Who will earn the mantle? Stay tuned to find out! • If you have life updates, exciting stories, or memories to share with your class, please write to us anytime at Middlebury02@gmail.com and we will post your musings here. Go for it! —Class Correspondents: Eric Devon (edevon@gmail.com); Morgan Jones (morganjones25@gmail.com).

03 Correspondent **Nathan Davis** writes: Dear classmates, for the last nine years, I have enjoyed keeping up with you, hearing about your successes and milestones, and announcing them to the Middlebury community. It has added great depth to my experience as an alumnus and kept me connected to the College. But after nine years, I find that I am not doing justice to the position of class correspondent, and I humbly ask that one of you take up the mantle for the next stint. Learning and sharing

about you all has been very rewarding, and I hope that someone will step up to the task, which I assure you will be entertaining and enriching. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are interested. Yours, Nathan. • Correspondent **Janine Knight-Grofe** is also stepping down. She writes: Thank you for the opportunity to be your class co-correspondent over the last several years! It has been a pleasure reaching out to you and getting your updates. If you would like to take over as a class correspondent, please write to Sara Marshall, alumni editor, at smarshal@middlebury.edu. • **Editor's Note:** Congratulations to **Nathan Davis**, who was recently elevated to partnership at insurance recovery law firm Pasich. Nathan, who is based in Los Angeles, has extensive experience in high-profile litigation in state and federal courts nationwide and has successfully represented clients from notable personalities in the entertainment industry to Fortune 500 companies. • And in other 2003 news, **Damian Washington** didn't set out to become "the MS guy." But after filming his experience at an infusion center getting a new multiple sclerosis treatment and posting it to his YouTube channel, he suddenly was getting a lot more hits than his other videos had produced. He began cranking out more MS videos and has become an influencer for MS drugs. Comments from other MS patients have flooded in and he has inadvertently created an MS community eager to share their stories. —Class Correspondents: Nathan Davis (davis.nm@gmail.com); Janine Knight-Grofe (jknightgrofe@gmail.com).

04 **Gregg Eriksen** was recently elected a member of the law firm Bousquet Holstein, where he is a part of the litigation, appellate, wineries/vineyards law, and government relations practice groups. He earned his JD from Syracuse Univ. College of Law. He and his family live in Skaneateles, N.Y. • Check out photos of classmates on pages 65 and 72. —Class Correspondents: Athenia (Tina) Fischer-Rodney (atheniarodney@gmail.com); Drew Pugsley (drew.pugsley@gmail.com).

05 **Alex Barrett** moved to Vermont in 2015 and has been working there as a consulting forester since (what a cool job!). Alex gets to drive by Middlebury a few times per year en route to different projects—most recently up in Lincoln. In Alex's words: "It is great to be back in the Green Mountains!" Alex's wife, Whitney, also joined the ranks of Middlebury grads as she finished up her master's at Bread Loaf last summer. Unfortunately, it was virtual these past two years and not up in the mountains. Although their Reunion years don't quite coincide, they both now get plenty of Middlebury updates. • **Ted Lester** is traveling again for work. He is actually going to be in Spain next week for a work conference! Conferences are happening again, which gives Ted

some optimism that maybe COVID is getting under control. Ted started a new, exciting job earlier this year at a startup called REGENT Craft, as the director of certification. They are developing a brand-new type of vehicle, an all-electric hydrofoiling flying boat for regional transportation, called a seaglider. This video captures it all and is so cool to watch: <https://www.regentcraft.com/video>. • **Tina Velez** is working in a new position this year as an academic dean in a charter school in the Bronx after many delightful years of teaching. She currently works with **Alexis Zain**, who is the K–12 chief academic officer of the school. • **Erin Amico** is the chief marketing officer for P33, an orga-

nization turbocharging Chicago's tech economy and founded by Penny Pritzker, Chris Gladwin, and Kelly Welsh. She recently launched a national marketing campaign around Chicago's tech wins. Erin is also a member of Forbes Communication Council and is working on her third children's book and first young adult novel. • **Christina Tolbert** gave birth to her second daughter. When she is not busy making beautiful babies, she is at the Medical University of South Carolina as an adult, child, and adolescent psychiatrist. • **Alicia Hernández** is a nursing advisor and chair of nursing admissions at the City University of New York. She recently took her son, Alex, to Middlebury to pre-

pare him for being a future Midd Kid! • **Dena Simmons** was featured in the *Learning for Justice* magazine for her work in education and currently is a visiting professor at Loyola University of Chicago. She appeared on Speak Sis on the OWN network in conversation with Oprah on September 28. She founded LiberatED, a school-based approach to social and emotional learning, racial justice, and healing. Dena, Tina, Alicia, Erin, and Chrissy are still in touch, after starting MIX 20 years ago outside of Gifford, and laughing every opportunity they are together whether virtually or in person. While they do a lot less dancing on stages (like good ole McCullough), they still plan to bring the party to the

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

ARABIC SCHOOL

Dr. **David Cross** (MA '17) is an associate professor at Charleston Southern University, where he teaches Spanish and Arabic languages. During the last year, he has served as an Arabic expert content selector for the National Foreign Language Center at the Univ. of Maryland and a copy editor of college textbooks in various subjects for diacri-Tech e-publishing company. During the summer of 2021, he taught online Arabic classes for City University of Seattle, Concordia Language Villages, and the STARTALK Arabic Academy of Pennsylvania State Univ.

BREAD LOAF SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

Herbert Woodward Martin (MLitt '72) has published two volumes of poetry during the pandemic times: *The Shape of Regret* and *Sometimes Say My Name*, which was the winner of the Poet's Choice Publication Prize. He has been associated with the American Composer Adolphus Hailstork and has been the librettist for *Nobody Know a Concert Aria*, which premiered in 2019 by the Harlem String Players; *Pity These Ashes, Pity This Dust*, which premiered in 2021 on Juneteenth by the Harlem String Players; *A Knee on the Neck in Memory of George Floyd*, which will premiere this March by the National Philharmonic in Strathmore Hall; and *Poems by Herbert Woodward Martin*, set to music by M. Melia Watras, which will premiere on April 5 at the Univ. of Washington in Seattle. • **Tal Birdsey** (MA '93) writes, "I have just published my second book on the school I founded in Ripton, Vt., the North Branch School. *Hearts of the Mountain: A Teacher, Adolescents, and a Living School* recounts a year of teaching and learning in our nearly one-room schoolhouse in the woods. For anyone involved in education, it's a great look at how school can be done differently." • **Paul Keane** (MA '97) recently published a commentary in the *Sunday Plain Dealer* in Cleveland, Ohio, titled "We're Cheating Our Kids When We Label Them 'Not College Material.'" As a high school student he was told he was not college material (and went on to earn undergraduate and graduate degrees from four colleges and universities) and he made a point over his 25 years as a high school

English teacher to tell that story to his students and encourage them to believe in themselves. • **Patrick Hastings** (MA '12) has written a book on James Joyce's *Ulysses* that was published by Johns Hopkins University Press on February 1. Patrick studied *Ulysses* under the guidance of Bread Loaf professors Victor Luftig and Jeri Johnson, and his love for the novel was cultivated on the porches of Vermont and in Oxford's Deep Hall. Oriented to support first-time readers of *Ulysses*, Patrick's book reveals the novel's genius and beauty while making Joyce's notoriously difficult work more approachable.

GERMAN SCHOOL

Dawn Murphy Kiechle (MA '73) writes, "I retired from a 52-year career as a teacher of Latin, German, and English, in various combinations, in four school districts in New York State. I live with my husband in Philadelphia, N.Y., on a farm where we raise beef cattle. One daughter is an associate professor of history at Virginia Tech. The other is director of marketing at the Oncenter in Syracuse, N.Y."

MIDDLEBURY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN MONTEREY

Michele Bantz (MAT '05; Portuguese '09), an English translator of Spanish and Portuguese, was named winner of the 2021 Granum Foundation Translation Prize for her work-in-progress translation of the novel *O Fogo Será a Tua Casa* by Nuno Camarinho from Portuguese into English. She was fortunate to learn of the Granum Foundation's funding opportunities—awarded annually to help writers and translators launch or complete substantive literary works—at the Bread Loaf Translators' Workshop Series she attended last summer. If anyone in the Midd community working in the field of literary translation would like to connect, she'd love to hear from you! • **Celine Browning** (MACI '14) was presented with the American Translators Assoc. 2021 Rising Star Award at its annual awards presentation in October. Celine, who is headquartered in Salt Lake City, is a Japanese/English conference interpreter and translator, serving clients throughout the U.S. and around the world through her

company, Found in Translation. She also serves as a contract interpreter with the U.S. Dept. of State.

KATHRYN WASSERMAN DAVIS SCHOOL OF RUSSIAN

Ben Rifkin ('80, Director of the School of Russian '00-'03, Hon DLitt '21) has been elected president of the Yale Russian Chorus (YRC) Alumni Assoc. Ben, who was a student majoring in Russian and East European studies at Yale when he first came to Middlebury to take second-year Russian, sang with the Yale Russian Chorus from 1981 to 1983 and has been an active participant in its alumni association for years, starting with hosting the YRC at his Moscow apartment when they were on tour in 1984. As president of the YRCAA, he will help lead the association in its work to support the Yale Russian Chorus and its alumni, including concerts live and virtual, intercultural understanding in part in partnerships with choirs in Russia, hopefully a summer tour to Russia, and a fun celebration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the YRC, to be held on the Yale campus in the fall of 2023. To enjoy some of the music of the Yale Russian Chorus and its alumni, see its YouTube channel.

SCHOOL OF SPANISH

Celestino Basile (MA '90) has been a teacher in the Gloucester (Mass.) Public Schools for 37 years and recently posted a letter to the editor of the *Gloucester Times*, advocating for a decent cost-of-living raise for teachers. • **Matt Walsh** (MA '95) was recently profiled in the Influencers 2021 section of the *Baltimore Fishbowl* as the head of school at Glenelg Country School, which he recently joined. He has spent 30 years as an independent school educator, including as a teacher, coach, associate dean, division head, and head. He and his wife have three children, two of whom now attend Glenelg in the upper and middle schools. • Attending law school at Hamline Univ. and Tulane Univ., **Stamate Skliris** (MA '98) is an assistant county attorney in Sibley County, Minn., where he has been two years.

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next Reunion. • **Nicolas Emery** connected a few times over the summer with **Gale Berninghausen** with visits ranging from Verona, N.J., to Great Barrington, Mass., and all the way back to Cornwall, Vt.! Their growing American-Italian-Indian families had a blast, with four children and two dogs keeping everyone on their toes. Although they were unable to visit campus due to COVID restrictions, it was so good to see students walking to and from classes as they drove by. • **Secil Ozturk Alpman** lives in the suburbs of New York City with her husband and their two daughters. She has been in market research for more than 10 years now, first focusing on the consumer goods industry and now on health care. She has enjoyed not having to commute and getting to spend more time with her family during the pandemic. Although she has not been able to travel as much as she would have wanted recently, she was able to visit her home country of Turkey last summer and got to spend an amazing time with her family and friends. • **Trang Nguyen** continues in her 16th year in New York. She enjoys practicing baseball with her husband and son in the park and being able to hang out with friends again. • At the end of September, **Nathan Jandl** had the chance to hang out with **Andy Cogbill** for the first time in three years (their longest span since graduation). They enjoyed a couple of days at Nathan's family "camp" on Lake Champlain, and then a couple more days at Andy's home in the Hudson Valley, where Nathan finally met Andy's two adorable children, Violet and Alder. The pandemic has certainly reinforced how important it is to make time for these kinds of visits—they won't be waiting years until the next one! • On September 11, almost exactly 20 years after they first met, **Jasmin Johnson** met up with her old Battell roommate **Karin Colyer Girardet** and husband Alex in the suburbs of Toulouse, France, where they enjoyed COVID-friendly home-cooked food, courtesy of Alex, a very talented chef! Karin has been living in France for the last five years, after having spent more than a decade traveling the world. Jasmin also has had the pleasure of running into several '07 Midd Kids in Switzerland—Naomi Haefner '07 and Alex Hunter '07 (who live about an hour away in St. Gallen), Renard Rogers '07 (who lives in Geneva, Switzerland), and Gruia Badescu '07 (who lives just down the street from her on the German side of the border!). Everyone is doing very well! If you are living in Switzerland or nearby, please let Jasmin know! • **Emma Sabiiti** used the quiet summer to pick up a new hobby, swimming (!), and he wanted to send a shout out to **David Hawkins** who planted a seed that many years ago at Midd, giving him his very first swimming lesson at the natatorium; thank you.

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06 If you have any news, please send it to us! Classmates want to know what you're up to.

—Class Correspondents: *Alex Casnocha (alexander.casnocha@gmail.com); Jack Donaldson (jack.c.donaldson@gmail.com).*

07 REUNION CLASS Mia Lewis Little is a cyber security attorney with Microsoft and over the years has had a variety of career roles as a data scientist, national security legal fellow, and a privacy and government surveillance fellow. She recently appeared on a Future Forward segment talking about the current cyber security field and what the future holds. You can check it out on the Center for Careers and Internships website on middlebury.edu. • **Brian Siegele** has written and directed a scripted sci-fi podcast series called *Black Box*, which stars Kelsey Grammer, Edi Patterson, and Joel McHale. The story is about four teenagers who come upon a crashed time machine and discover a black box recording that foretells impending disaster. Forced to run with the jaded inventor of time travel (Patterson), they have to uncover a catastrophic plot by a powerful military general (Grammer) and scheming scientist (McHale). The eight-part series launched November 9. Check it out! • We are still looking for someone or two to step up as class correspondents for 2007! It's a fun way to stay in touch with classmates. If you are interested, please contact Sara Marshall at smarshal@middlebury.edu. Meanwhile, please put the Reunion date on your calendar: June 10–12!

—Class Correspondent: *Judd Melón (wilsonjmelon@gmail.com).*

08 **Andrew Peters** recently was featured in themainemag.com in an article about his scallop operation. He leases a location to grow scallops in Penobscot Bay and his enterprise, Vertical Bay Maine, focuses on line-grown scallops and is part of a budding aquaculture sector in Maine.

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09 **Maji Chien Daines** sent this news: "Antoinette Rangel finished up two years of federal clerkships, first on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and most recently on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. After taking a couple months off, Antoinette will start as an assistant United States attorney for the Eastern District of New York this winter." • **Stephanie Toriumi** (who earned a master's in international education management at MIIS in 2013) has published an e-book called *Shimanchū: A Memoir of Ishigaki Island* on Apple Books and Amazon Kindle about her experience living in the

southernmost city of Japan on the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme. • **David Meschke**, who lives in Denver, was recently elevated to shareholder at the law firm Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, where he is a member of the litigation department.

—Class Correspondents: *Billie Borden (billie.borden@gmail.com); Ashley Bell Volkwiler (ashley.volkwiler@gmail.com).*

10 **Michael Norris** updates us by saying, "My job is writing Harvard Business School case studies. Last year I coauthored a case study with John McKinley '04 and **Jamie Mittelman** about Middlebury's energy and environmental policy. It's called 'Middlebury College: Energy2028.' It's been used in three different courses at HBS so far to teach about leadership, change management, and endowment management. On a more personal update, I was a contestant on *Jeopardy!* on the episode that aired November 1, 2021." • After almost exactly five years each of (platonic) friendship, then dating, and then marriage (see a photo on page 83), **E. Emmons Hahn North** and **Toby Norden North** welcomed Cassian Emory North into the world at 12:43 a.m. on February 3! Aside from adjusting to life together as a new family of three, Emmons has been happily working on a master's in teaching at Montclair State University in New Jersey, specializing in social studies as well as gifted and inclusive education. Toby will be starting a new job as a software developer in March, after enjoying a several-month sabbatical followed by extra time to bond with the baby in his first weeks. • **Laura Tice Dalton** recently started working in animal care at the Zoo in Forest Park in Springfield, Mass. Laura adds, "My favorite animals to work with are the parrots because their huge personalities and intelligence never cease to amaze me."

—Class Correspondents: *Alice Ford (alicemarieford@gmail.com); Oscar Loyo (loyo.oscar@gmail.com).*

11 **Sam Parnell** is stepping into the gigantic shoes of **Ashley Cheung** and **Carly Lynch**, both of whom were kind enough to provide the following updates as a last final and brilliant capstone to their 10-year reigns: **Hannah Dzimitrowicz** and fellow NESAC-alum Jack McManus (Hamilton '13) married on October 23, 2021, celebrating with family and friends in Durham, N.C. To make life a little crazier, they welcomed bernedoodle puppy Winnie into the family the following week. They have called Durham, N.C., home for five-and-a-half years now and are especially happy to spend lots of time with Hannah's sister Katherine '14, who started her MBA at Duke's Fuqua School of Business in the fall. Hannah is slowly approaching the "end" of medical training, having completed her internal medicine residency, and is now in her second-to-last year of a hematology/oncology fellowship at Duke. • **Ashley Cheung** married her law-school sweetheart Dan Honold on September

CELEBRATIONS

19, 2021, at a yacht club overlooking Lake Erie in Bratenahl, Ohio. **Hannah Dzimitrowicz**, **Carly Lynch**, and **Danielle Kruse** stood by her side as bridesmaids. **Ashley** lives in Washington, D.C., and works at the U.S. Department of Justice, currently serving as counsel to the assistant attorney general for the Civil Division. She would love to connect with other Midd Kids in the area! **Danielle** is in her final year of radiology residency at the University of Vermont Medical Center, and while it has been amazing to enjoy five bonus years in Vermont, she is excited to move with her fur baby/rescue dog Lucy to Durham, N.C., for a one-year abdominal imaging fellowship at Duke Medical Center. Danielle and Lucy can't wait to hang out with Hannah, Jack, and Winnie in Durham and are already scheming for Carly and Ashley to come down too! **Carly** is wrapping up a great first year at Shared Value Media, a small communications agency that specializes in developing outreach campaigns led by community-based organizations, amplifying local voices to drive action and awareness around key community issues. After 10 years on the Upper East Side, she recently moved to a new apartment in Astoria, Queens, and loves exploring a new neighborhood—but is of course feeling the pull to head back down south after such a fun fall of Midd reunions at Ashley and Hannah's weddings. • In other exciting news, **Reilly Steel** married Emily Rusch on January 11, 2022, in a small ceremony at an oceanside estate in Santa Barbara, Calif. They have (mostly) been living in New York City for the past decade, where Reilly attended law school (at Columbia) and subsequently practiced law (at Cravath, Swaine & Moore). This past fall, Reilly left practice to start a PhD program in political science at Princeton University. He is now a regular on NJ Transit between Princeton and NYC. If any Midd Kids find themselves at Princeton, hit him up! • Please continue to send your updates to new class correspondent Sam Parnell at Midd2011@gmail.com.

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12 REUNION CLASS Hello, everyone! Read on to hear what some of us are up to. And MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our 10-year Reunion this summer, June 10–12! Hope to see you there. • **Lilah Leopold** has been back in school for a while, working toward a PhD in art history as a fellow at the Humanities Research Institute in Urbana, Ill. She has now reached candidacy and dissertation research will likely be taking her to Seattle, New Orleans, Chicago, Ottawa, Long Island, and Oslo over the next few years. She hopes to see fellow Midd Kids in and around those locales along the way! • **Lany Khattiya** and husband **Benjamin Tabb** sent this update: “We are moving from Hong Kong (moved here in January of 2016) to London this summer in July. It's very exciting and we are looking forward to meeting and getting



1 The wedding of E. Emmons Hahn '10 and Toby Norden '10 took place on May 13, 2017, at Emmons's childhood home in Mountain Lakes, N.J. Middlebury friends who joined the celebration include (all '10 unless noted) Jenna Conklin, Tori Bommarito, Lauren Vollmer, Kim Ammons '11, the newlyweds, Lizzie Gordon '09 with Leo Gordington, Hannah Washington '08, Hannah Robertson, Alison Mehravari, (second row) R.J. Adler '11, Kevin Thorsen '11, Will Guida '12.5, Zach Schuetz '11, Dani Botteron, Matt Johnstone '07, Emily Putnam, Heidi Schmidt, and Scott Wehrwein. 2 Several members of the Class of 2001 and their families gathered at the Needham, Mass., home of Matt '01 and Leslie Fox Arnould '01 in September: David Cohen '01, Scott Lemke, Sarah Theall Lemke '01, Matt Arnould with Beckett (1), Leslie Arnould with Beatrice (1), Kristen Sylva Capodilupo '01, Olivia Capodilupo (9), Larry Capodilupo, Dylan Capodilupo (13), Maya Capodilupo (13), Megan Bourque, Erin Bourque (12), Zach Bourque '01, (sitting on wall) Nora Capodilupo (5), Max Lemke (7), Jack Lemke (11), Freddy Arnould (8), Nettie Bourque (10), Henry Bourque (6), and Ryan Bourque (8).



3 Emily Jacke '12 and Jake Wood '15 were married in Starksboro, Vt., in September 2021. Middlebury friends celebrating with the couple included Alec Drobac '16, Hannah Johnston '15.5, Mia Benjamin Kano '13, Erica Fargiuele '15, Sarina Patel '14.5, the newlyweds, Elise Biette '16, Annie Ulrich '13, Eliza Margolin '15.5, William Tatum (Midd spouse), Elisabeth Harmor Tatum, M.I.S., (second row) Avery Schiff '15, Nathaniel Rothrock '12.5, Katherine Burdine '11, Aaron Kano '15, Calvin Winchell '15, Gospel Johnstone '07, Zach Schuetz '11, and David Yedid '15. 4 In preparation for their 50th Reunion, 1972 classmates gathered on campus in October at the Kirk Center, including members of the Yearbook Committee: Evey Zmudsky Lamont, Nancy Sutton Rosenthal, Jennifer Hamlin Church, Dori Wood Fulk, Judy McCormack, Cynthia Bear, and Daniel Suman. Missing from photo: Pam Peifer.

to know the Middlebury community there.” • **Ethan Blass** joined Wartburg College faculty this past fall as an assistant professor of German. He previously served as a German instructor at the University of Oklahoma. He earned both his master’s degree and PhD in Germanic studies from the University of Chicago. • **Emily Jacke** says, “I got married in September to Jake Wood ’15 in Starksboro, Vt. David Yedid ’15 offi-

ciated. Hannah Johnston ’15, Erica Furguele ’15, and **Nathaniel Rothrock** sang in our ceremony. There were many Midd Kids in attendance! I’m still working in fundraising at Earthjustice, but now permanently remote from Western Mass. We have two two-year-old cats and we’re very happy to be back East after four-and-a-half years in the San Francisco Bay Area. Both of us have left all social media almost entirely

so we’d love to hear from Midd friends.” Check out a photo of Emily’s wedding on page 83. • **Kimberley Hunt** (MIIS 2016) married Cameron Arroyo in Salem, Mass., on August 29, 2021, alongside bridesmaids **Britt Perfetti**, **Robin Sheasley**, and guest **Chris Johnson**, as well as friends from the MIIS 2016 French cohort. Check out a photo on page 68. • **Amy Johnson** and Jon Cox ’11 were married on August 21, 2021, in Waitsfield, Vt. They had a great group of alums from many classes there to help them celebrate! See a photo on page 72! • **Sara Cohen** and Kari Sides Suva ’75 had a surprise meeting in South Bristol, Maine, through mutual family friends. They enjoyed discovering their shared Middlebury connection while on a walk along the Maine coast. Small world! You can see a photo on page 65. And finally, check out a Midd crew photo with a classmate in it on page 72.

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13 At the start of the academic year, Rabbi **Hannah Elkin** joined the McAlister Center for Religious Activities of the Claremont Colleges as a religious leader. She received a Master of Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School and was ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles. • **Charlotte Steiner** is the research and communications specialist in the National Resources Defense Council’s (NRDC) international program. She specializes in research and media that advance clean energy, health, and equity around the world. Prior to joining NRDC, she worked in Shanghai, Hong Kong, and Beijing. She’s based in NRDC’s Santa Monica office.

—Class Correspondents: *Elma Burnham (ecburnham@gmail.com); Peter DiPrinzio (peterd1331@gmail.com).*

14 Congratulations to **Greta Neubauer**, who serves as a representative in the Wisconsin House. In December, she was elected unanimously by her colleagues as the new Assembly Democratic leader. She is the youngest Assembly Minority leader on record and the first openly LGBTQ+ leader. • Congratulations also to **Kevin Chu** who was recently hired as the executive director of the Vermont Futures Project, whose mission is to position the economy in the center of a statewide discussion about Vermont’s future. He previously was the managing director of the UVM Office of Engagement.

—Class Correspondents: *Jackie Breckenridge (jackiebreck@outlook.com); Emma Kitchen (m.emma.kitchen@gmail.com); Peter Mattson (petercmattson@gmail.com).*

15 This past fall, **Kyle Gerstenschlager** and David Hammerman welcomed their son, Luke. They are incredibly grateful to their surrogate for her help. Congratulations! • Check out a photo of a classmate on page 72!

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16 If you have any news to share with classmates, please send it to us! • Meanwhile, check out our classmates' wedding on page 68.

—Class Correspondents: Emma McDonald (elmcDonald21@gmail.com); Aviva Shwayder (aviva.shwayder@gmail.com).

17 REUNION CLASS Nicholas Andonian was recently hired as an associate on the investment team at J.F. Lehman and Company. He previously worked as an investment management analyst at Goldman Sachs and in the investment banking division at the Cross Markets Group. • Don't forget to put our 5th Reunion on your calendar for June 10–12! And check out a photo of a classmate on page 72.

—Class Correspondent: Ivan Valladares (ivanantvall@gmail.com).

18 If you have any news or photos to share, please send them to us!

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19 Irene Margiotta finished her teaching residency program through the University of Pennsylvania last spring and was able to work at a day school near Chicago. Her thesis was on making the classroom environment more social and collaborative, especially in a year of remote learning environments during COVID. She now works at North Shore Country Day School in Winnetka, Ill., full-time teaching upper school English at the school. She loves changing kids' minds about poetry, making it fun and relevant to them. • **Joseph Haggerty**, who double majored in computer science and theater at Middlebury, has found an incredible way to blend art and technology as the assistant sound designer for the Broadway show *Six*, which remixes the history of the six wives of Henry VIII in a way that kids and adults alike can enjoy! • As of this issue of class notes, **Abigail Browngoehl** is stepping down as a class correspondent. If anyone would like to take over, please contact Sara Marshall, alumni editor, at smarshal@middlebury.edu. It's a very fun way to stay in touch with classmates!

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20 After serving as a summer research assistant with the Resnick Center for Food Law and Policy at UCLA, **Lucy Weiss**

joined FoodCorps, which is an AmeriCorps service fellowship program focusing on student access to healthy food in schools. She recently wrote about her experiences with FoodCorps for the Resnick Center's *On Food Law* blog. • **Maria Bobbitt-Chertock**, known by the stage name Maria BC, has been signed to the major music festival South by Southwest, a venue for emerging talent, which will take place from March 14 to 20 in Austin, Texas. After graduating in February 2020, Maria BC moved to NYC, where they were able to work on their music during the pandemic. During that time, Maria BC released their first EP, *Devil's Rain*. Good friend and fellow musician **Noah Sauer** helped in the mixing and mastering of the album.

—Class Correspondent: Katelan Newman (katelan.newman@gmail.com).

21 Welcome to the Class of 2021 and 2021.5 to the class notes of *Middlebury Magazine*. We are looking for class members to serve as class correspondents who connect with their classmates about what they are doing to add to the notes of this column. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Sara Marshall, alumni editor, at smarshal@middlebury.edu. It's a fun way to stay in touch with your class! • Meanwhile, we have some news. **Cole Merrell** and **Jacob Morton** have produced *The Deli People*, a series that you can find on YouTube about a cult that runs a deli. It's very funny and stars Middlebury alumni and students alike, including Jacob and Cole, Galen Fastie '20, **Emily Ma** (who also composed music for the series), Gibson Grimm '22, Wynn McClenahan '22, Alex Draper '88, and Clint Bierman '97. You can read more about it at middleburymagazine.com and you can check it out on YouTube! • The newspaper *Seven Days* recently interviewed **Jacob Freedman**, **Nathaniel Klein**, and **Alex Gemme** about the business they began almost a year ago called Treeline Terrains. The company is a mixture of technology and art, where the partners create 3D wooden sculptures of landscapes with computer code, a computer numerical control machine, and their hands. Their first creation was a model of the Snow Bowl, which was a gift, but they have done models of the College, the town, other ski areas, lakes—whatever is a beloved place to someone—and they figure they have sold more than 150 models. They started the business in the basement of Nathaniel's grandparents' house and now have a rented workshop in Middlebury. • Check out a photo of some Midd crew classmates on page 72!

40 Laura Fenn Fuller, 102, of Burlington, Vt., on August 22, 2021. She began her teaching career at Thetford (Vt.) Academy and taught at several other high schools before raising her daughter. In 1954, she returned to teaching language arts at Burlington Junior High School, then taught English at Champlain College until 1971. Predeceased by husband John, she is survived by daughter Janet, two grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

42 Beatrice Simpler Braun, 91, of Spring Hill, Fla., on January 17, 2013. After leaving Middlebury, she entered the convent of the Maryknoll Sisters, completed college, and earned a medical degree at Marquette Univ. She was then assigned to Korea in 1950, where she practiced family medicine in the war-torn country for 18 years, fighting smallpox, typhoid, typhus, and dysentery and introducing antibiotics to Koreans. Returning home in 1968, she received dispensation from her vows to marry. She then completed a three-year residency in psychiatry and was certified by the American Board of Psychiatry. Retiring in 1989, she and her husband moved to Florida, where she became involved in AARP's Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program. With her volunteer activity in many programs, she received Florida's Andrus Award for Community Service in 2009. She was predeceased by husband Dick.

45 Frances Horning Barraclough, 97, of Ithaca, N.Y., on August 15, 2021. Earning a master's in economics from Radcliffe in 1947, she traveled the world as a UN diplomat's wife and lived in several countries, including Lebanon and Chile. She began translating the novels of Peruvian Jose Mar a Arguedas and won the Columbia Univ. Translation Center Award in 1978 for *Deep Rivers*. Settling in Ithaca, she tutored Spanish through the EOP program at Ithaca College. Predeceased by sons William and Kenneth, she is survived by daughters Esther and Ana, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Norman H. Daily, 97, of Canton, Ohio, on July 14, 2021. During WWII he served in the Army Air Corps and was stationed in India, Burma, and China. He earned his BA in science from Western Reserve Academy and a medical degree from Case Western Reserve Univ. He was in pharmaceutical sales, then went on to establish his own medical laboratories in 17 locations throughout northeast Ohio. He participated in research with the goal of developing a vaccine for cancer. Moving to Sarasota, Fla., he expanded his company, Health Concepts, and specialized in occupational health screening. Predeceased by first wife Eileen (Moore), second wife Geraldine (Bennett), an infant son, and son Jeffrey, he is survived by wife Anne Herron, daughters Deborah and Elizabeth, and four grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM

The following is a list of deaths reported to us since the previous issue. Full obituaries will appear in future issues of the magazine.

Jean L. Connor '41	November 9, 2021
Louise Cosenza Aldrich '44	December 29, 2021
Bettina Stringer Bassi '45	December 31, 2021
Janet Shaw Percival '46	December 11, 2021
Virginia Stowell James '47	January 20, 2022
Elizabeth Reid Buzby '48	December 6, 2021
Natalie Richmond Hamlin '48	November 30, 2021
Stewart Washburn '48	October 17, 2021
Dorcas Neal Gracey '49	December 28, 2021
Richard S. Johnson '49	January 14, 2022
Patricia Riley Sweeney '49	January 17, 2022
Ross C. Cowan '50	November 18, 2021
Jane Walker Nutting '51	January 21, 2022
James D. Ross '51	September 19, 2021
Janice Cassel Burnham '52	October 16, 2021
Clayton C. Butzer '52	January 12, 2022
Lois Tyson Vetare '52	November 27, 2021
Helen Chase Pyke '53	January 1, 2022
George I. Atwell Jr. '54	December 30, 2021
David G. Strachan '55	November 9, 2021
Lyman G. Gilmore '56	October 29, 2021
Windsor T. Sturtevant '56	November 12, 2021
Robert Vuillet '56	December 24, 2021
Mona Meyers Wheatley '56	November 27, 2021
Robert R. Burington '57	January 18, 2022
Mary Porter Marsh '57	December 28, 2021
Phyllis Libman Ruzzi '57	January 12, 2022
William F. Barenborg '58	January 20, 2022
William F. Geenty Jr. '58	September 16, 2021
Robert C. Brower '59	October 29, 2021
Bruce A. Phinney '59	December 3, 2021
Sue D. Wallace '59	October 24, 2021
R. Lindwood Faxon '61	November 10, 2021
Sarah Howland Braddock '62	January 1, 2022
Phyllis M. Cole '62	September 3, 2021
Grant A. Weier '62	January 6, 2022
Russell V. Gladioux '63	November 7, 2021
James E. Woods '63	November 18, 2021
Frederick H. Eppenberger '65	January 27, 2022
Peter G. Karlson '65	November 9, 2021
Patrick C. Wells '65	December 28, 2021
William F. Frank '66	January 19, 2022
Joan Hartnett Ottaway '66	July 25, 2021

Richard A. Setter, 97, of Bellingham, Wash., on June 14, 2021. A member of Alpha Sigma Psi, he left Middlebury to serve in the Army during WWII. He was a combat veteran with the 397th Regiment of the 1st Battalion, serving as staff sergeant in France and Germany. Returning home, he worked with Setter Brothers and as a division manager with U.S. Plywood and Champion International, retiring as the CEO of Welsh Corp. in Longview, Wash. In retirement, he

William A. Wells '66	October 23, 2021
David K. Smith Jr. '68	November 23, 2021
Nancy C. Crawford '70	October 28, 2021
Laurel Drake-Major '70	October 17, 2021
Helen Halcomb Moriyama '70	October 29, 2021
Craig A. Morris '71	December 5, 2021
Liesi E. Hebert '72	October 30, 2021
John H. McClain '72	December 14, 2021
Bruce D. Lauterwasser '73	November 2, 2021
Barbara C. Anderson '74	October 9, 2021
Valerie Mueller Branam '74	December 22, 2021
Gregory B. Bessey '77	November 28, 2021
Deborah R. Lyon '77	February 11, 2008
Janet Jones Shipp '79	December 9, 2021
Peter A. Clough '85	January 21, 2022
Gayle M. Ball '87	November 10, 2021
James C. Bradford III '94	November 8, 2021
Heather G. Budd '99	November 29, 2021
David "Holden" Barnett '18	October 14, 2021

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Mary P. Richards, MA English '64	October 20, 2021
Nancy Kolbe Stumhofer,	
MA English '67	December 13, 2021
Sharon J. Workman, MA English '90	November 8, 2021
Edwin P. Webbley, MA English '91	September 28, 2021
Stanley K. Badgett, MA English '15	November 24, 2021
Nancy Means Wright, MA French '65	January 19, 2022
Howard K. Gregory, MA French '68	November 1, 2021
J. William Mees, MA French '70	January 28, 2022
Nancy B. Whitmer, MA French '70	September 8, 2021
Georgette M. Coffey, MA French '75	December 3, 2021
Robert E. Vicars, DML French '79	October 3, 2021
Yvonne L. De Mars, MA French '91	December 4, 2021
Barbara J. Vinolus, MA French '92	November 8, 2021
William E. Elwell, MA German '68	December 26, 2021
Arthur J. Gressel, MA German '68	January 18, 2022
Martin G. Crabtree,	
MA German '69	September 14, 2021
Keith E. Locke, MA German '72	November 27, 2021
Mary Alice Lessing-Evans,	
MA Spanish '51	August 12, 2021
Carroll Coughlin Hughes,	
MA Spanish '63	October 29, 2021
Lesley Carroll Hauser,	
MA Spanish '91	December 14, 2021
Bonnie L. Bruinsslot, MATESOL '00	July 16, 2020

had a variety of vocations, including running a gill-netter, a crabber, an oyster hatchery, and a worm farm. Predeceased by wife Ann (Hawkins), he is survived by children MacDuffie, Susan, and Catherine, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Maurice C. Vercoe, 98, of South Burlington, Vt., on August 15, 2021. He attended Middlebury one year before joining the Marines during WWII. Assigned

to the invasion of Japan, he was diverted to Tsingtao, China, for occupation duty. He then earned an engineering degree from MIT and joined General Electric as a mechanical engineer on their test program. Called back to service during the Korean War, he was a captain at the Cold Weather Camp in Pickel Meadows in the High Sierras in California. He continued his career at General Electric, where he was a popular teacher for apprentices for 20 years. He retired in 1984. He is survived by wife Margaret (Batchelder), children Richard and Cheryl, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

46 Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom, 95, of Kennebunk, Maine, on May 19, 2021. A member of the American Guild of Organists since 1966, she served as the church organist for congregations in New Jersey, New Hampshire, North Carolina, and Maine, and at the Holderness (N.H.) School. Her career as a music critic began during the 1970s and she wrote columns for the *Manchester (N.H.) Union Leader* as well as reviews for *Classical Voice of North Carolina*. She created *Classical Voice of New England* to promote performances of classical musicians in New England. Her writing also included a book, *Outdoor Drama*, published in 1985, about dramatic performances that take place outdoors. Predeceased by husband Everett, she is survived by children Russell, Christina, Phyllis, David, and Ellen, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Dolores Balzac Wiemann, 96, of Jensen Beach, Fla., on July 24, 2021. A member of Phi Mu, she entered a secretarial course at the Berkeley School in White Plains, N.Y., and worked at Strathglass Farm in Port Chester, N.Y. She served as secretary of the Long Island Chapter of the Embroiders Guild of America and was a member of the Assoc. of Traditional Hooking Artists and her embroideries were exhibited in numerous shows, including a juried show held at the 1976 National Biennial Exhibition of the Embroiders Guild in Washington, D.C. Predeceased by husband George and daughter Susan, she is survived by children George, Nancy, and Connie, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

47 Valerie Williams Burkig, 91, of Olympia, Wash., on March 14, 2018. With a master's in physics and a PhD in nuclear physics from UCLA, she worked as a research scientist at UCLA Medical School before entering the aerospace industry, where she worked as a research scientist and design engineer at companies that included Hughes Aircraft Co. and McDonnell Douglas. Retiring in 1975, she worked with high school students and wrote a high school level physics book on light and optics. Predeceased by husband Jack, she is survived by sons Jonathan and Andrew, and four grandchildren.

Edith Gordon Dawson, 93, formerly of Grinnell, Iowa, on January 2, 2019. A member of Pi Beta Phi, she was hired as an English teacher at Kenmore (N.Y.) Senior High School after graduation. She was an active volunteer while raising her children, then in 1974, earned a master's in education from the Univ. of Iowa. She had a long career teaching in the Grinnell-Newburg Community School at the middle school. She and husband John '48 had two children, Lauren '78 and Bruce.

48 Joseph C. Jones, 97, of Mendon, Vt., on July 17, 2021. During WWII, he served in the 10th Mountain Division 87th Regiment seeing action in the Aleutian Islands. Returning to Middlebury, he coached the men's ski team one year then coached the women's ski team until 1954. He also managed the Snow Bowl from 1946 to 1951. After training with Aetna Insurance, he owned and operated an insurance agency in Rutland, Vt., for over 40 years. He was the cofounder of the Mid-Vermont Junior Alpine Racing Council and was also the cofounder of the Vermont Alpine Racing Association (VARA). He is a member of the Vermont Ski Hall of Fame and was the first inductee into the VARA Hall of Fame. Predeceased by wife Anne (Johnson), he is survived by children Wendy, Lisa, and Cort, and four grandchildren.

Jean Webster Skoien, 93, of St. Petersburg, Fla., on June 28, 2020. A Pi Beta Phi, she returned home to Rochester, N.Y., after graduation to work at a biological supply house. She studied for a master's in education from SUNY Geneseo and practice-taught in Alaska, Maryland, and New Jersey before earning the degree in 1953. She then boarded a troopship for Germany, where she taught children in Bavaria. With a husband in the Army, she lived many different places, including Germany, France, and Taiwan. While living in Florida she worked as an insurance agent and while living in Hawaii, grew orchids. She and husband Clarence had one son, Stephen.

Elizabeth Colladay Sword, 92, of Dallas, Texas, on November 2, 2018. She earned an elementary teaching certificate from North Texas State Univ. in 1971 and a master's in liberal arts from Southern Methodist Univ. in 1976. She was an elementary school teacher for over 20 years in Texas. Predeceased by husband Brian, she is survived by daughters Susan, Deborah, and Jennifer, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Adele Stemmler Taylor, 93, of Woodbury, Conn., on May 21, 2021. A Pi Beta Phi, she began her long association with the American Field Service (AFS) by hosting international students in the 1970s. She became an area representative and was asked to join the U.S. board of directors and then the AFS international board of trustees. She also became involved in AFS's Educator's

Program, providing orientations for teachers from Thailand and China. Through New Hampshire's Interlocken Camp, she led American students on cultural exchange programs to China and Japan in the 1980s and cross-country ski tours to Norway for adults. Predeceased by husband Norman, she is survived by children Daniel, Andrew '77, Samuel, and Martha, and six grandchildren, including Annie Taylor '16.

49 Gerald W. Elbers, 96, of Houston, Texas, on August 13, 2021. During WWII he served in the Army in a radar unit that supported combat efforts in France and Germany. A Sigma Phi Epsilon at Middlebury, he earned a master's from the Univ. of Minnesota, then worked in Washington, D.C., as a career bureaucrat, first as a speechwriter for the commissioner of education, and then on the staffs of Eisenhower's education committees. He had a 23-year stint with the U.S. Civil Service in the Dept. of Education. He was also an adjunct professor at American Univ. for 17 years, teaching writing to students re-entering college. Retiring from the government in 1982, he taught writing at the Univ. of Maryland to prelaw students. Predeceased by wife Joan (Swenson) and son Samuel, he is survived by daughter Stephanie, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

50 Jacque Snyder Braddock, 93, of Fredericksburg, Va., on August 11, 2021. A member of Alpha Xi Delta, she volunteered in a library while raising her children then earned her MEd from the Univ. of Virginia. In 1965 she became the school librarian at West Springfield High School in Fairfax County, Va., and had a long career, retiring in 1990. Predeceased by husband Charlie, she is survived by daughters Linda and Carey, two grandsons, and two great-grandchildren.

51 Barbara Lukens Calkins, 90, of Newtown Square, Pa., on July 5, 2020. After college, she worked several years as an administrative assistant to the president of Swarthmore College. While raising her children, she was an active volunteer in their schools, serving as a leader of the Great Books and Art Goes to School programs, as well as serving as a Girl Scout leader. She volunteered weekly at the Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College for many years and was president of the Associates of the Scott Arboretum. Predeceased by husband James, she is survived by children Robin '80, Thomas, and Charles, and five grandchildren.

Anne Drysdale Connington, 92, of Ellicott City, Md., on June 13, 2021. A Pi Beta Phi at Middlebury, she attended Berkeley Secretarial School in NYC and worked at General Electric corporate headquarters as an executive secretary. Moving to north central Massachusetts, she worked several years at Erving

Paper Mills and Union Twist Drill Co. Predeceased by husband Charles, she is survived by daughters Leslie and Lois, four grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sister Margaret Drysdale Price '49.

Phyllis Cole Deming, 92, of Shelburne, Vt., on July 19, 2021. A member of Delta Delta Delta at Middlebury, she was a valuable community volunteer in Shelburne, working to integrate a private kindergarten into the public school, helping to start a hot lunch program in the school, and starting the town newsletter, the *Shelburne News*, to keep townspeople informed. She also served as a teacher's aide for kindergarten classes and owned and operated the Shelburne Book Shop for over 10 years. In 1998, she was recognized for her work as a certified field ombudsman for Vermont Legal Aid. She was a longtime member of the Vermont League of Writers and as a loyal alum, served as a class correspondent for 1951 with her husband. She is survived by husband Bill '51, children Bruce '75, Peg, Tracy, and Cyd, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include parents Elbert and Ida Ainsworth Cole, both Class of 1915, uncle Clarence Cole, Class of 1915, uncle and aunt William, Class of 1922, and Edna Volin Cole, Class of 1924, and brothers Gerald '39 and Elbert '40 Cole. Surviving Middlebury relatives include niece Wendy Cole '69.

52 Philip E. Barton, 91, of La Quinta, Calif., on August 17, 2021. A Delta Kappa Epsilon at Middlebury, he earned his MBA from Harvard in 1954. He served four years in the Navy as a pilot stationed at Barber's Point Naval Air Station near Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He worked two years in public accounting in San Mateo, Calif., then worked for McKinsey and Co. as a management consultant for seven years. He opted to enter the world of business entrepreneurship, focusing on building small, low-tech businesses, which he did for over 35 years. He and ex-wife Jean (Webster) '52 raised three children, Paul, Katharine '83, and Webster.

Ann-Marie Kearney Ellison, 91, of Orange, Mass., on August 9, 2021. A member of Kappa Delta, she taught high school English in Exeter, N.H., then taught English and biology at Black River High School in Ludlow, Vt. Moving to Orange in 1959, she raised her children then returned to teaching in the Mahar Regional School District, teaching general music in the junior high school. She was the cornerstone of the music dept., where her husband was the director of music, and both were rewarded for their years of service to the department when the music room at Mahar was dedicated to them. Predeceased by husband Bob, she is survived by children Mary-Ann, Bob, Posie, Kathy, George, and Michael, and several grandchildren.

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Elizabeth Loemker Furber, 90, of Boothbay Harbor, Maine, on July 21, 2021. A Delta Delta Delta, she spent a year after college studying in the management training program at Radcliffe College. She then worked five years as a personnel manager for Kendall Company. After raising her sons, she re-entered the work force at the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Women, which she soon led along with the New Hampshire League of Women Voters. She then worked as a personnel consultant with Paul Woodbury and Associates in Concord, N.H. Predeceased by husband Edward '51, she is survived by sons Bill, Tom '83, and Win '85, and seven grandchildren, including Katie Furber '19. Middlebury relatives include nieces Edith Zhang '85 and Sarah McGovern '89.

Judith Hudders Lovegren, 91, of Williamsburg, Va., on August 18, 2021. After graduation, she worked for the New York Telephone Co., then moved to Cambridge, Mass., where she worked with the Publications Office at Harvard Univ. Press. Living in Washington, D.C., she worked for the Fairfax County School System at the Area 1 Office and later as an aide in a classroom for students with learning disabilities. Predeceased by husband Robert, she is survived by children Karen, Sally, Susan, Joan, and James, 13 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

de Benneville "Kim" Seeley, 91, of Phoenix, Ariz., on May 9, 2021. A member of Alpha Sigma Psi, he served his country with the Army during the Korean War, teaching geology, map reading, and marksmanship. He won many matches as part of the Army competition shooting team. He spent his career as a geologist, first with Shell Oil Co., and then on his own as a consulting geologist. He began his own business, Seeley Oil Co., where he worked with his sons. With his second wife, he started a business creating cookbooks for different organizations. Predeceased by first wife Virginia (Winkle) and second wife Bonnie (Speyer), he is survived by wife Dorothy (Townsend), children Nathaniel '89, Ellen, and Morris, and two grandchildren.

53 Barbara Brown Power, 88, formerly of Cohasset, Mass., on May 18, 2021. A Pi Beta Phi, she attended Hitchcock Secretarial School in Boston and worked as a research secretary for Alderson and Sessions Management Consultants in Philadelphia. A longtime resident of Cohasset, she was active in civic affairs, serving on the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, as president of the Friends of Paul Pratt Library, on the board of trustees of the library, and on the board of directors of Pilgrim Bank. Predeceased by husband Jeffrey, she is survived by children Deborah '78, Pamela, and Jeffrey, six grandchildren including Olivia Cooney '11, and one great-grandchild. Middlebury relatives include brother Richard Brown '53.

Marion Seymour, 90, of Santa Fe, N.M., on July 22, 2021. A member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, she earned her master's in social work from SUNY Buffalo in 1967. Throughout her career, she worked in hospitals, schools, and community centers. Moving to Santa Fe in 1995, she lived in one of the first cohousing intentional communities in America, the Commons on the Alameda.

Howard S. Thompson, 89, of Darien, Conn., on May 29, 2021. A Theta Chi at Middlebury, he joined the Navy and served on the USS *Hawkins* in the Atlantic and Mediterranean fleets. He had a long career with the New York advertising agency, Benton and Bowles, working with major clients. He then worked 11 years with the William Esty Co. before retiring as VP. An active community member, he served as chairman of the local Red Cross among other leadership roles. He is survived by wife Ann (Hilton), daughters Cynthia and Betsy, and two grandchildren.

54 Lois Robinson Limbach, 88, of Belvedere, Calif., on May 19, 2021. A member of Sigma Kappa, she graduated Phi Beta Kappa. Earning her master's in education, she worked as an elementary school teacher in Cleveland, Ohio. Moving to California, she was an active volunteer in schools, libraries, and environmental education while raising her children. In 1979, she enrolled at the UC Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco and with her degree, practiced family law for a decade and chaired the Marin County Civil Grand Jury. Predeceased by husband Karl '54, she is survived by children Leigh and Bob, and two grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include sister-in-law Louise Limbach Spangler '53 (deceased), brother-in-law George Limbach '55, and niece Amy Spangler '83.

E. Jean Tibbetts Pentland, 88, of Worcester, Mass., on June 14, 2021. A Kappa Kappa Gamma at Middlebury, she worked three years for a chemical company in Cambridge, Mass., after graduation. After raising children, she worked in her husband's business, Jefferson Rubber Works, in both finance and accounting. She is survived by husband Richard, children David, Julia, and Nancy, and seven grandchildren.

55 Richard J. Higgins, 87, of Freeport, Maine, on May 6, 2021. He served as an officer in the Navy from 1956 to 1959, honorably discharged as a lieutenant. Earning an MBA from the Univ. of Virginia, he began his career as a corporate production planner and financial analyst for Del Monte Corp. He then worked in managerial positions with Allen's Blueberry Freezer and Down East Travel. He also worked as a self-employed financial analyst and for L.L. Bean. He is survived by many nephews and nieces, including Nancy Berke '77, and great-nephews and -nieces, including

Lisa Baumgartner '04. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sister Joanne Higgins Wolfley '45 and brother Edward Higgins '51.

56 David L. Kunzmann, 87, of Watkins Glen, N.Y., on June 3, 2021. A member of Phi Kappa Tau, he went to work for Shepard Niles Crane and Hoist Corp. after graduation. He then served from 1957 to 1959 in the Army Artillery before returning to Shepard Niles, where he worked until he retired as manager of contract administration in 1992. He was survived by wife Carol (Grandy) before she died on June 5, 2021. He is survived by children Wendy and Steven, two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

57 Margret Perry Greene, 85, of Camp Hill, Pa., on May 1, 2021. Leaving Middlebury after sophomore year, she earned her BS in occupational therapy at the Univ. of Pennsylvania, where she was in the Delta Delta Delta sorority. While raising her children, she was an active volunteer, especially in Scouting. For 23 years, she was an adult education teacher at the Harrisburg (Pa.) State Hospital. Her retirement years were filled with volunteer activities, including over 25 years as a docent at the governor's residence. Predeceased by husband James, she is survived by children David and Margaret, and one grandchild.

Donald M. Young, 84, of West Stockbridge, Mass., on May 9, 2020. A Zeta Psi at Middlebury, he first worked in advertising at Gulf and Western in New York City. Moving to West Stockbridge, he worked in real estate development in Western Massachusetts for many years. He is survived by wife Susan Armata, and children David, Michael, and Gregory.

58 Marilyn Hunter Ross, 84, of Selinsgrove, Pa., on May 11, 2021. At Middlebury, she was a member of Delta Delta Delta. She worked four years as the head of personnel at Syracuse Memorial Hospital before taking time to raise her children. She then worked many years as the student health service secretary at St. Lawrence Univ., enjoying the interactions with students and their families, before retiring in 1997. Predeceased by husband John, she is survived by children Pamela and Kent, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

59 Sarah Gray Bock, 84, of Philipsburg, Pa., on August 12, 2021. A member of Alpha Xi Delta, she began her teaching career as an elementary school teacher after graduation. In 1967 she earned her MEd from Penn State Univ. and taught elementary school until 1985. In retirement, she taught piano lessons and tutored in reading. Predeceased by husband Harold, she is survived by children Randall and Tamatha, stepchildren Timothy and Cynthia, and three grandchildren.

Richard R. Gariepy, 84, of Barre, Mass., on June 18, 2021. A member of Theta Chi, he raced motorcycles after college and in 1962 was the North American Scrambles Champion. He joined his father's business for motivation and sales training then started his own company, Gariepy Motivation, and for many years gave motivational seminars to business owners, managers, salespeople, families, and students in all 50 states. He also was the author of *Your Child Is Dying to Learn* for parents and *Manage Your Way to Success*. Predeceased by wife Shirley (Scott) and grandson Micah, he is survived by sons Craig and Derek, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

60 Thomas H. Cornick, 83, of Glenville, N.Y., on August 13, 2021. A member of Phi Kappa Tau, he entered the Army in 1961, where he rose to the rank of colonel and served in the Vietnam War, earning two Bronze Star Medals for heroism. He continued in the Army for 31 years and in 1976, while serving with the military police, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. Earning a master's from Syracuse Univ., he joined the New York Office of Children and Family Services, retiring in 1998. He is survived by wife Valerie (Rasmussen), daughters Caroline, Michelle, and Stephanie, and six grandchildren.

Herbert G. Foster, 83, of Waterville, Maine, on June 1, 2021. An Alpha Sigma Psi at Middlebury, he served in the military after college and spent a year of study in France. He then taught foreign languages in Central Maine schools for 15 years. In 1979, he and his wife bought Wonderview Cottages in Belfast, Maine, and ran them for 17 years before selling them. He then briefly returned to teaching, retiring in 2002. He is survived by wife Nancy (Pellerin), sons Benjamin and Jeremy, stepson Marc Craig, and five grandchildren.

Derick F. Salls, 86, of Kingsport, Tenn., on May 11, 2021. He was a member of Kappa Delta Rho. He served in the Army Security Agency in both Korea and Japan. He had a long career as the controller of Rutland (Vt.) Plywood Corp. He is survived by wife Barbara (Poeter), children Katharine and John, and one grandchild.

Gordon "Chip" L. Thayer Jr., 82, of Wilmington, Del., on July 6, 2021. A Chi Psi at Middlebury, he earned his PhD in organic chemistry from Cornell Univ. in 1964. He was hired as a research chemist with the DuPont Jackson Laboratory and spent his entire career with the company, retiring as a research manager. He competed in yacht racing for many years and was a certified national race officer. He also enjoyed ice dancing with his wife and earned his gold medal from the U.S. Figure Skating Assoc. He is survived by wife Joan (Murphy), children Eric, Stephen, and Brittany, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

61 George W. Chatfield, 82, of Midlothian, Va., on June 29, 2021. A member of Delta Upsilon, he began his career in the insurance business with Kemper Insurance. In 1973, he became VP of Mutual Insurers in Richmond, Va., and in 1974, founded James River Insurance Consultants. At the time of his death, he was still working, now at Straus, Itzkowitz, and LeCompte Insurance Agency. He is survived by wife Anne (Osborne), daughter Shawn, and four grandsons.

62 Charles J. Fanning, 80, of Gilbert, Ariz., on August 12, 2021. A Chi Psi, he served four years in the Army, attaining the rank of captain. Earning his MBA from the Univ. of Southern California, he worked for 10 years in the pharmaceutical industry in advertising sales and marketing. Moving to Arizona, he worked in the print media business before opening his own dry-cleaning business, which he ran for 20 years. He also taught classes at the Univ. of Phoenix in microeconomics and statistics for 26 years. He is survived by wife June (Brayfield), children Kathleen and Chuck, and three grandchildren.

David E. Gannett, 81, of Seattle, Wash., on August 22, 2021. A member of Alpha Tau Omega, he earned his JD at the Univ. of Washington School of Law in 1965 then served in the Army, where he attained the rank of captain. He began his law career with the National Labor Relations Board as a labor attorney. He was then a partner in Gannett Conner & Gravrock before owning Smith-Gannett Investments Co. He later established the DJ Bar Ranch in Montana with his wife. He was a generous supporter of the arts, particularly the Seattle Symphony Orchestra, and a generous donor to the College, where he established a scholarship, which is in his and first wife Barbara's names. Predeceased by Barbara (Everard) '61, he is survived by wife Jehnet Carlson, sons David and James, and three grandchildren.

63 Edwin G. Adams Jr., 81, of Wooster, Ohio, on August 1, 2021. He earned his bachelor's from Temple Univ. after serving in the Army Reserve. He was employed by Chrysler Corp., where he held various management positions before opening his own dealership in Wooster in 1974. He is survived by wife Char, children Errin, Lee, Kaye, and Wendy, and six grandchildren.

Harold "Todd" Freeman, 81, of Plymouth, Minn., on June 5, 2021. A member of Alpha Tau Omega, he worked as an operations analyst for over 27 years at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. He then became certified as a personal trainer and worked at the Northwest Athletic Club and Life Time Fitness at Crosstown until retiring in 2010. He obtained a Sports Car Club of America regional license and enjoyed racing for many years. He is survived by brother Tim and his family.

64 Deborah Gillette Law, 79, of Sun Valley, Idaho, on June 15, 2021. A Pi Beta Phi, her first job was as a map editor for Ginn and Co. in Boston. Moving to San Francisco, she worked creating maps for textbooks for Addison-Wesley and as an accountant for the North Face. She then worked 18 years in adventure travel, primarily in Nepal, India, and Tibet. She is survived by husband Bob, children Bryan and Carrie, and two grandchildren.

M. Dean Montgomery, 78, of Minneapolis, Minn., on May 14, 2021. A member of Theta Chi at Middlebury, he was commissioned as an officer in the Army Reserve in 1964 then served in active duty from 1968 to 1970, including time in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star and joint service commendations. He continued serving in the Army Reserve from 1970 to 1974 and was discharged with the rank of captain. With a JD from the Univ. of Denver College of Law, he practiced law for many years in Stamford, Conn. He is survived by children Laurel, Emily, and Giles, and five grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include great-grandfather Giles, Class of 1860, great-uncle John Redington, Class of 1860, great-uncle William Robinson, Class of 1862, uncle and aunt Marshall '31 and Prudence Ingham Montgomery '31, and father Giles '33. Surviving Middlebury relatives include niece Kristin '93 and nephew Matthew '97 Bijur.

66 Joan Hartnett Ottaway, 77, of Florence, Ore., on July 25, 2021. With a master's degree in microbiology from San Francisco State Univ., she worked at the Univ. of California, San Francisco, where she supervised and was in charge of planning, implementing, and executing studies at the General Clinical Research Center for more than 22 years. At age 40, she began running and racing and in 1989 was named USA Track and Field's Runner of the Year in the 45-49 age category. She won that prestigious honor four more times in the 50-54 and 55-59 age divisions, breaking numerous road and track American age records along the way. She also won gold medals at several international World Veterans Games. She was first married to David Colman '67 then Stephen Ottaway. Middlebury relatives include niece Suzanne Whitty '86.

67 Sheldon A. Baker, 78, of Old Lyme, Conn., on August 6, 2021. An Alpha Sigma Psi at Middlebury, he worked at a variety of jobs after college, including running a restaurant for three years. He eventually had a career in the field of wholesale paper sales and also did restaurant reviews in the 1980s as the Phantom Diner on TV's *PM Magazine*. A member of the Dissipated Eight, he continued singing throughout his life with various groups, including Simsbury Light Opera and Con Brio. Predeceased by wife Brenda (Broughel), he is survived by partner Gail Barber and his extended family.

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68 Daniel S. Brown, 74, of Cincinnati, Ohio, on August 10, 2021. An Alpha Sigma Psi member, he earned a master's in Asian art history from the Univ. of Michigan. Moving to Cincinnati, he worked as an assistant of the president of the Univ. of Cincinnati before joining the family business, Brockton Shoe Trimming Co. He then opened his art business as an independent art advisor and was a curator of collections for his clients, museums, and galleries. He began writing art criticism in 1976 and became the editor of the online international journal of the visual arts, *aeqai.com*. He was a curator of art shows and often a guest lecturer at arts organizations, and he also served as a lecturer at the Univ. of Cincinnati in both English and American literatures and in the visual arts. He is survived by sister Marianna.

69 James M. Hoverman, 74, of Charlottesville, Va., on August 16, 2021. A member of Delta Upsilon and the football team at Middlebury, he taught English at White Mountains Regional High School in New Hampshire for 17 years. He also founded the high school wrestling team, leading it to four state championships and being inducted into both the New Hampshire and New England Wrestling Coaches Halls of Fame. From 1987 to 2000, he worked in sales for P.J. Noyes Pharmaceutical Co. in Lancaster, N.H. In 2002, he moved to Middlebury, where he was the night manager at Vermont Sun and was a certified health coach before moving to Virginia. He is survived by wife Ginny (Hopper) '69, sons Alec and Kevin, four grandchildren, stepchildren Heather Mead Jack '95 and Christopher Mead, and five step-grandchildren, including Elizabeth Jack '24.

Howard E. Richmond Jr., 74, of Fall City, Wash., on July 19, 2021. A member of Alpha Sigma Psi, he earned his JD from the Univ. of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., in 1975 and had a long career in law in western Washington. He also ran the Wildwood Cattle Company with his wife.

71 Robert D. Skelley II, 72, of Weaverville, N.C., on July 4, 2021. After college he worked in the Peace Corps, training in Barbados and serving on the island of St. Vincent. He began a career in fulfillment, serving as president and CEO of one of the largest companies in Bermuda. He moved to Staples as a director, from which he retired at age 55. He is survived by wife Candi and sons Joe and Dave.

74 Stephanie Cole Nelson, 68, of Lebanon, N.H., on May 10, 2021. With a master's in library science from Simmons College, she served as the head librarian at Kimball Union Academy for five years. After raising her children and freelancing for a local business journal, she became the library assistant at Grantham Village School then served as the librar-

ian at Canaan Elementary School for 20 years. She is survived by husband Dick and children Andrea and Jay.

76 Peter N. Gibb, 67, of Amesbury, Mass., on June 2, 2021. He worked at National Marine Fisheries in Woods Hole, Mass., before transitioning to his passion, wooden boat building. He worked at Lowell's Boat Shop in Amesbury for almost 20 years. His interest in the history of the shop led him to preserving countless plans, forms, and records from the boat shop. He is survived by children Emily and Ben, sister Elizabeth, and former wife Betsy Shreve-Gibb '76.

Sharon McLaughlin Lux, 67, of Coventry, R.I., on April 28, 2021. With a master's in education from Virginia Tech and a master's in library and information science, she had a long career as a school media specialist, librarian, and English language learning specialist at various schools, including LaSalle Academy, the China Univ. of Geosciences in Wuhan, China, the Univ. of Rhode Island, St. Michael's Country Day School, the Fay School, and Bryant Zhuhai Program in China. She is survived by husband David and daughters Jessica, Hillary, and Madeleine.

79 Nancy L. Campbell, 62, of Washburn, Wis., on January 11, 2020. With teacher certification from the Univ. of Utah, she taught Spanish in several different schools, including New Prague High School in Minnesota, and schools in Wisconsin. She and her former husband had four children, Rebecca, Michael, David, and Anna.

Susan Sondheim Mohr, 64, of Leesburg, Va., on May 29, 2021. Her first job was at General Cigar in NYC, where she was assistant to the VP of international sales and later import-export manager. In 1982, she went to work for the Central Intelligence Agency, where she served as an intelligence officer for over 10 years with assignments in Madrid, London, and Brussels. After raising her children, she went back to work part time as an independent contractor at GCI then Vista International. She is survived by husband David and sons Alexander and Lukas.

80 Stephanie Artner Matuszak, 62, of Toledo, Ohio, on June 21, 2021. After studying medicine in Munich, Germany, for two years and earning her MD from the Univ. of Cincinnati in 1987, she began her career as a family physician in Sylvania, Ohio, and also worked at Tiffin Mercy Hospital and taught at Heidelberg Univ. Most recently, she worked as the medical director for occupational health services at McLaren St. Luke's Hospital in Maumee, Ohio. She is survived by husband Thomas and sons Bennett and Mason.

83 Carey MacFarland Lennox, 59, of Chicago, Ill., on May 4, 2021. Moving to NYC after college, she was employed by ICM Artists, working in management for opera singers for eight years, including on the original *Three Tenors in Concert* in Rome. She returned to her hometown of Chicago and worked 20 years for design firm Holly Hunt then worked in management for Atelier Gary Lee and Branca. She is survived by husband Scott, son Mac, stepdaughters Kate and Allie, and two step-grandchildren.

85 Cynthia Dawdy Murray, 58, of Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., on June 14, 2021. A child prodigy as a harpist, she was the principal harpist with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra and the San Francisco Civic Light Opera, and performed with the San Francisco Symphony. She pursued doctoral studies in clinical psychology at the Wright Institute in Berkeley, Calif., and further studies in psychology and religion at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She is survived by husband Stephen and son Hunter.

88 Ebbe H. Altberg, 57, of Mill Valley, Calif., on June 3, 2021. After graduation, he joined Microsoft, where he spent 12 years and worked on products such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Office. In 2000, he moved to Ingenio, where he headed up product as chief product officer. He then joined Yahoo! in Europe as VP head of audience, then went to a small startup, BranchOut, where he was COO. In 2014, he was appointed CEO of Linden Lab, creator of Second Life.

91 David C. Rogers, 52, of Castleton, Vt., on August 21, 2021. President of Sigma Epsilon at Middlebury, he earned his teaching certificate from the College in 1994. For two years he taught environmental science at South Royalton (Vt.) High School, before opening the Lake House Pub and Grill on Lake Bomoseen, Vt., with friend Greg King. He also served as a state representative to the Vermont Legislature. Selling the restaurant, he managed a large slate quarry then opened the Fish Tail Tavern on Lake Bomoseen. Selling it in 2017, he worked in the construction industry. He is survived by parents Rosemary and Charles '65, brother Matthew and sisters Michele and Karen '93, and their families.

94 Mary F. Boyle, 49, of Santa Monica, Calif., on May 26, 2021. With a master's in American culture from the Univ. of Michigan, she worked at Massachusetts Bay Community College and then at the Institute for Community Inclusion based at the Univ. of Massachusetts in Boston. She was a leader in the movement to provide students with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to attend college with full participation. She traveled extensively, teaching faculty members and instructors how to transform their

curricula for these students and use multidisciplinary learning tools, including the latest technology. She is survived by partner Michael Epstein and stepson Max.

00 Erin E. Carr, 43, of Indianapolis, Ind., on July 1, 2021. With a Master of Arts from DePaul Univ., she was an improvisational and stand-up comedian, performing for many years at Comedy Sportz and at comedy venues in Chicago and throughout Indiana. She was employed at Crowe Accounting firm. She is survived by daughter Lillian Adams, ex-husband Jason Adams, her parents, her brothers, and extended family.

02 Francis "Brian" Reilly, 41, of San Francisco, Calif., on May 28, 2021. He began his career working on large-scale wind energy products at Horizon Wind Energy in Houston then Whirlwind in Denver. Moving to solar energy, he helped build and direct the renewable energy team for NRG before heading to India and China to encourage solar energy use. In 2018 he founded Muuse in Bali, Indonesia, a technology company that focuses on reusable products and citywide reuse programs to reduce waste associated with single-use plastics. Over three years, he and his team expanded Muuse to major international markets. Predeceased by father Frank, he is survived by mother Cathy, siblings Shannon '97, Courtney, Patrick, and Kerry '10, and 10 nieces and nephews.

09 Francis A. Silva, 34, of Weston, Mass., in 2020. He joined Boston Millennia Partners as an analyst and was a professional investor and supportive board member of their portfolio companies and their managements over the years. He earned the position of partner at the company. He and wife Elizabeth Callow Silva '09 had one son, Frankie Jr.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

51 Mary Alice Lessing-Evans, 94, MA Spanish, of Skillman, N.J., on August 12, 2021. She was a Spanish and French teacher for over 20 years at Princeton (N.J.) Regional Schools.

54 John P. Demidowicz, 92, MA Spanish, of Oswego, N.Y., on June 18, 2021. He began his teaching career at Carteret Preparatory School in West Orange, N.J., then in 1965, joined the faculty of the Dept. of Modern Languages and Literatures at SUNY Oswego, where he taught for 32 years.

55 Joan Hill Cunningham, 88, MA French, of Washington, D.C., on December 10, 2020. She taught French in the DC Public Schools for 40 years, 35 of them at Woodrow Wilson High School. Middlebury relatives include daughter Julie Cunningham '85.

M. Caroline Reinero Kemmerer, 87, MA Spanish, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., on July 13, 2021. She taught Spanish

at both the high school and college levels, including working at Bryn Mawr College and the Shipley School, where she was head of the Modern Language Dept. Beginning in 1990, she worked every fall at the Swiss Semester for 30 years. Middlebury relatives include grandson Nicholas Nonnenmacher '21.

57 Marjorie Fox Philip, 100, MA French, of Collingwood, Ontario, Canada, on July 23, 2021. She had a long teaching career in St. George, Brantford, and Oakville, Ontario.

58 David Ballesteros, 88, MA Spanish, of Chula Vista, Calif., on August 5, 2021. He had a long career as a professor and administrator of higher education, including at Sacramento State Univ., the Univ. of Colorado, and San Diego State Univ., where the campus tower was named in his honor.

Velia Fiori Pryce, 90, MA French, of Cleveland, Ohio, on August 30, 2021. She taught French at Wooster College, Kent State Univ., and Hathaway Brown School before teaching 20 years at Western Reserve Academy.

61 Arthur E. Arnold II, 93, MA Spanish, of Stroud Township, Pa., on June 20, 2021. He was an assistant professor in the Foreign Languages Dept. of East Stroudsburg Univ. from 1961 to 1991.

62 Helen Mamikonian, 89, MA Russian, of Naples, Fla., on July 21, 2021. Born and raised in Paris, France, she came to New York in 1950. She taught French and Russian in the Foreign Languages Dept. at Simmons College in Boston for almost 40 years.

63 Judith A. Hepler, 80, MA Spanish, of Durham, N.C., on April 12, 2021. She served as a visiting lecturer at North Carolina State Univ. and as a professor of Spanish at East Carolina Univ. In retirement, she served as a medical language interpreter at the Duke Hospital in Durham, N.C.

65 Evelyn Biegert Moss, 84, MA German, of Lexington, S.C., on May 27, 2021. She taught school full time in Corpus Christi and Seguin, Texas, until 1967 then was a substitute teacher for many years in Seguin.

66 Guy G. Plante, 84, MA French, of Manchester, N.H., on April 16, 2021. He served in the Air Force then taught at Manchester Memorial High School for 27 years, retiring in 1998.

68 Katherine M. Ivanovich, 88, MA Spanish, of Watsonville, Calif., on August 10, 2021. She taught in the Spanish Dept. of Watsonville High School for over 30 years, until her retirement in 1988.

70 Barbara Knox-Mavroleon, 77, MA French, of Tallulah Falls, Ga., on September 17, 2020. She worked for many years as a French and Spanish teacher.

71 Rory Koepp Mazur, 73, MA German, of Pennington, N.J., on July 11, 2021. She was a language teacher for over 36 years, having taught French, Spanish, German, and Japanese as well as English in the Spotswood (N.J.) School District. She also taught German in the summers at Rutgers Univ.

Judith Paul Prasil, 74, MA French, of Hendersonville, N.C., on April 2, 2021. During her career she had a variety of jobs, but her favorite was teaching English as a Second Language at a junior college in a suburb of Chicago.

76 Robert W. Holderer, 70, MA Spanish, of Edinboro, Pa., on February 17, 2021. He spent most of his teaching career as an English professor at Edinboro Univ., where he directed the University Writing Program. He also taught English and Spanish at various other colleges and in high schools in Philadelphia.

78 Sr. Lois A. Barton, 73, MA French, of Windsor, N.Y., on August 25, 2021. She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1966 and professed her final vows in 1974. She served as a high school teacher, director of new members for the Sisters of St. Joseph, and director of religious education for several parishes, before the Diocese of Syracuse, N.Y., made her head of the Southern Region, overseeing parishes.

80 Helen Ryan-Ranson, 77, DML French, of Fort Myers, Fla., on March 3, 2021. She was a longtime faculty member at the Univ. of Akron in Akron, Ohio, and served as chair of the Modern Languages Dept. She retired as professor emerita.

82 Herbert Dalin, 84, MA English, of Brooklyn, N.Y., on July 22, 2021. For 28 years he was a teacher of English in several high schools for the New York City public school system. Along with teaching, he had a passion for chamber music and playing violin.

George R. Willard, 82, DML Spanish, of Newbury, Vt., on June 24, 2021. For over 40 years he taught Spanish at Union County College in Cranford, N.J.

00 Mary Virginia DuBose, 74, MA English, of Atlanta, Ga., on March 24, 2021. Over her 35-year career, she taught English literature at a number of schools in South Carolina, most recently on Pawleys Island at Waccamaw Middle and High Schools.